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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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Thursday, January 15, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.

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The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday,
January15, 2004 at 2:10 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President Murray announced that agenda item 6 - Mid-year Budget Reductions has been removed from calendar in deference to our new Mayor who would like an opportunity to confer with the Department with regard to our specifics before the Commission takes action and will be back next month.

ROLL CALL

Present:

John Murray

Gloria Bonilla

Gordon Chin

Richard Guggenhime

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Larry Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Capital Improvement Program Reporting

During the last Commission meeting was discussion with Isabel Wade of PROSAC regarding opportunities to improve the reports developed for the public by the Capital Division. It was agreed that Department staff, Isabel Wade and President Murray would meet to identify solutions to address PROSAC concerns.

The group met on Friday, January 9, 2004. Attending the meeting were included Commissioners Gloria Bonilla and John Murray, staff members Elizabeth Goldstein, Yomi Agunbiade, Margaret McArthur and PROSAC President, Isabel Wade.

The four items discussed were: 1) funding and expenditure spreadsheet, 2) progress and completion report, 3) outreach to the community on capital projects and 4) method of recognizing donors.

President Murray stated that the set of formats and reporting structures were both satisfactory to both PROSAC and the Department. He considered this subject resolved pending the Department's execution and delivery of the reports.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Goldstein gave an update on various pieces of legislation: 1) on January 7th the Department had a long discussion before the City Services Committee on the report from Natural Areas Program Citizens Advisory Committee, 2) the amendment to the PGA agreement will go before the Finance Committee on January 28th and 3) the Department was still anticipating a hearing on the Aquatics model.

General Manager Goldstein announced to the Commission that she was a speaking at the Youth Commission hearing today at 5:00 p.m.

General Manager Goldstein updated the Commission on the fundraising success for Palace of Fine Arts. She explained that currently the Committee has raised $8 million towards a goal of $21 million due to be completed by July.

Dan McKenna gave a presentation on the maintenance baseline requested by the Board of Supervisors. He spoke about the methodology that identified six types of parks within the system as well as use levels and landscape types. From these designation he detailed how staffing that indicated the need of an additional one hundred and fifty gardeners and thirty custodians. **President Murray** stated that the database was great foundational work, consistent with a lot of other projects the Department had been working on allowing staff to respond in a professional way. He congratulated and welcomed staff to continue to build on this and bring it back to the Commission in the future.

Yomi Agunbiade gave a summary to the Commission regarding FY 2004/05 capital improvement and facility maintenance projects to be turned in to the CIAC by Friday.

Sections 2.31 and 3.22 of the Administrative Code require that the CIAC review all capital improvement projects and long-term financing proposals prior to the appropriation of fund for any capital improvement project and/or long-term financing proposal. The City Architect has requested that departments submit Capital Budget

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Requests on January 16th for review and discussion at the CIAC meetings in March and April. It is anticipated the Recreation and Park Commission will approve later this month, incorporation of the comments received during the review period for the draft plan. Based on anticipated final revisions, staff has prepared a draft proposed request for FY 2004/05 Annual Appropriation of funds for Capital Improvement projects. The Major Fund groups are a total of $25.92 million.

Michael Frank, Director of Administration and Finance gave a presentation on the budget process, budgeted positions versus filled positions and the open space fund. **President Murray** asked Michael Frank if in the future staff could provide the Commission with a report showing the budget numbers that match up with the baseline to be compared system-wide. **Michael Frank** explained that would be something staff could definitely work on later down the road.

President Murray suggested to his fellow Commissioners to meet with the finance staff because the budget was a complex matter. He stated that if any Commissioners had not already met with the finance staff to take advantage of it because a couple of his colleagues have done so and found the information to be useful and informative. He also stated that the reality of the Department's budget cycle was that changes are made very quickly and the Department will be faced with a lot of demands and it will be a challenge to be prepared.

Michael Frank spoke about: 1) the mid-year timeline, 2) FY 2004/05 budget timeline and 3) the proposed budget balancing ideas. **President Murray** asked his fellow Commissioners to review the list of the proposed budget balancing ideas to give staff recommendations.

Lydia Zaveruka thanked everyone involved in the Strategic and Operations Plan. She gave the annual presentation on Strategic and Operations Planning.

Since the last update to the Commission August 2003, the Department has continued its review and implementation of the Strategic Plan adopted a year ago. The Department has also continued the development and implementation of the Operations Plan.

Strategic Planning

The Department has:

- Produced at attractive and engaging Executive Summary of the Strategic Plan
- Distributed the Executive Summary to all staff as an attachment with their paychecks
- Distributed the Executive Summary to all attendees of the September Community Planning Meetings
- Received few comments on the Executive Summary.

Next Steps: During this upcoming year, the Department plans to focus on implementation of the Strategic Plan. The Performance Linkage Process and the work of the Steering Committee will center on more explicit presentation of the strategic objectives and values. Specifically,

- The Steering Committee is preparing a staff "roll out" plan for the Strategic and Operations Plan during the first quarter of 2004. This includes a video, handouts and special orientation sessions for supervisors to assist them in

preparing to present the information to their staff. Members of the Steering Committee will be available to assist in this process.
- Department Managers have been assigned as "stewards" of specific strategic objectives, in addition to any of the strategies may be directly responsible for. As any community meetings go forward, the managers will ensure that strategic objectives and values are an integral component of the discussion, continually emphasizing mission based activities and goals.

Performance Linkage: The Performance Linkage process is a method developed to encourage leadership cohesion and monitor achievement of common Departmental goals through performance measurement. An example of how this process works is that each executive manager, including the General Manager, is assigned responsibility for implementing various aspects of the strategic objectives defined in the Department's 2002 Strategic Plan. The Executive Managers then develop performance measures to indicate success in implementing their assigned objectives as part of their annual performance appraisal and work plan. To aid this process of continuous improvement, progress review meetings are facilitated on a quarterly basis so those managers may share information as to status and barriers or other challenges they encountered in implementation. Hence, their performance is "linked" to the planning efforts of the Department.

Operations Planning

The current Operations Planning process is in its fourth and final cycle. Recent and future achievements include:

- Ten additional action plans produced in 2003. (Summaries previously presented to Commission.)
- Two staff team currently meeting are expected to produce their final plans by April 2004.
- Full compilation of all action plans produced during this multi-year process to be presented to Commission in June 2004.
- Implementation of many action plans has begun.
- Recreation Assessment due to be completed April 2004.

Next steps: As noted in the Strategic Planning section, the Department plans to focus on implementation via the Performance Linkage Process.

- Action Plans have been categorized by strategic objective and assigned to specific managers for implementation. The plans have typically been assigned to the same manager that was a member of the operations team that originally produced the plan, as that assignment was made by manager's job responsibilities.
- Managers are evaluating implementation of those parts of action plans that create efficiencies and cost savings in the Department, especially given the current budget situation.
- Managers are also evaluating the realistic possibilities of implementing any action plans that might initially require short-term financial investment, but lead to long-term cost savings.
- The Department needs to continue to develop a meaningful reporting mechanism reflecting the progress made in the Performance Linkage Process, especially as it now becomes the primary tool to continue Strategic and Operations planning and implementation. Although the Department submits performance measures as part of the budget process and these measures are tied to the work plans of the appropriate managers, the process is not as streamlined as it could be and the final format needs to be more user friendly. In addition, to evaluating models from other jurisdictions and the scorecard

model, the Department looks forward to assistance from the Controller's Office in resolving this reporting challenge through the recently passed legislation enabling the Controller to review and recommend improvements in the efficiency, standards and performance management systems in the Department.

President Murray asked staff to speak in detail on other functional areas at every other Commission. He thanked everyone involved for the hard work they put into this project

Emeric Kalman stated concerns regarding: 1) the strategic plan, 2) funding for the Palace of Fine Arts, 3) park information for visitor and 4) the blades for the windmill. President Murray and General Manager Goldstein addressed Mr. Kalman's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RES. NO. 0401-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the December 2003 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
RES. NO. 0401-002

Donation From:

Roger Krischke
296 Piedmont Avenue
Pacifica, CA 94044
USDA - N/A

0.1 European Ferret

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the release of a Request for Proposals for the management and operation of Golden Gate Park Golf Course.
RES. NO. 0401-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award for the operation of the pushcart concession at designated locations in Golden Gate Park to Okie's Organic.
RES. NO 0401-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does extend the South (Murphy) Windmill Restoration, Phases 1A and 1B construction contract 457 calendar days.
RES. NO 0401-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plans for the Glen Canyon Park Habitat and Access Enhancement Grant awarded to the Recreation and Park Department by California Coastal Conservancy.
RES. NO 0401-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: a) approve a conceptual improvement plan for 24th Street/York Mini Park; b) approve the placement fo a mosaic sidewalk plaque

commissioned through the Lower 24th Street Neighborhood Association for 24th Street/York Mini Park, and c) authorize the General Manager, in conjunction with the Mayor's Neighborhood Beautification Fund, to enter into an agreement with Urban Resources Systems to accept the mosaic sidewalk plaque, as the City Attorney shall approve for 24th Street/York Mini Park.
RES. NO 0401-007

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 2004 in accordance with the Bylaws.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Guggenhime**, seconded and unanimously carried, opened the election for President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Chin**, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Murray was re-elected as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

President Murray thanked Commissioner Chin and his fellow Commissioners. He spoke about the difficult year the Department was facing and commented that he had not intended to serve this year. He was actually very pleased to have the opportunity to support this body getting its work done. He felt that this Department was the most important and impactful departments in the City in terms of determining the future. He stated that with the decline from $90 going down to $88 million and the thousand plus people really was going to determine whether our generations of citizens are prepared to both serve in capacity like ours or simply be citizens and be employed to help us continue to make San Francisco a place where people want to live. He stated that this was a humbling opportunity and hoped that he can do it in a way people can be satisfied.

On motion duly made by **President Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, opened the election for Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

On motion duly made by **President Murray**, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Bonilla was elected as Vice President of the Recreation and Park Commission for a term of one year.

President Murray stated that with Commissioner Bonilla confirmation he let the staff know the two things that are being developed over the next month. First, he and Commissioner Bonilla will develop a work plan for some of the significant things that we want see happen in this calendar year in conjunction with the Mayor's office who having gone through a difficult election. Secondly, he and Commissioner Bonilla will be working together somewhat differently than the past President and Vice President. He will make sure that she will be copied on everything received and vice versa. Together they may do functional division of work so that they are getting more hands-on and getting more things push through. He also stated that Committee assignments will be made at next month's Commission meeting.

GENEVA OFFICE BUILDING AND POWERHOUSE TRANSFER

Robert McDonald gave an update on issues discussed at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on January 5th regarding the transfer of jurisdiction of the Geneva Office Building and Powerhouse to the Department. He

reported that the final budget amount for the structural stabilization for Phase I was set at $540,000. He explained that as requested by Committee the survey of the property has been included in the package.

President Murray stated that also discussed at the meeting was that the facility would be self-supporting and not be a burden to the Department. He also stated that he has received and accepted General Manager Goldstein's assurances that both the philanthropic and the community support will be there to make that happen.

Background:

The proposal to renovate the historic Geneva Office Building is a partnership between the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) and the Friends of the Geneva Office Building. The scope of this capital project was expected to be completed in two phases. Phase I consists of a temporary structural stabilization of the building, and Phase II is a complete seismic upgrade and rehabilitation of the building. At the end of Phase II is a complete seismic upgrade and rehabilitation of the building. At the end of phase II, the building would be used to house an arts internship program for the youth and young adults of San Francisco. Modeled after the Gallery 37 program in Chicago, the building would provide exhibit spaces, offices, meeting rooms and classrooms of different sizes. With its 28-ft. floor ceiling height, the Powerhouse is an ideal exhibit space where art work as well as a photographic history of streetcars in San Francisco and an oral history of the District 11 neighborhoods can be displayed.

Like Chicago's Gallery 37, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department plans to create programs that offer youth on-the-job apprenticeship training in visual, literary, media, culinary and performing arts. This program is designed for youth's 14-21 years in age, an age group under served by Recreation and Park programs. Chicago's program was created in 1991 through the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Arts Matter Foundation. The program addresses two major problems facing youth: unemployment and lack of preparation for the workplace. Drastic reduction of arts education classes in San Francisco schools has resulted in limited opportunities for positive mentoring relationships with adults.

Transfer of Property

The Recreation and Park Department believes that it can most advantageously make use of this vacant historic landmark building for recreational purposes and has come to an agreement with the MTA to transfer its Geneva Office Building and Powerhouse to the Recreation and Park Commission for this new program. The Geneva Office Building and Powerhouse are historic landmark buildings and are located at the southeast corner of Geneva and San Jose Avenues in the Ingleside district of San Francisco; diagonally across the street from the south end of the Balboa Park BART station. The Recreation and Park Department recommends transfer of structures, the land beneath the structures and areas surrounding the buildings' footprint for access and maintenance to the Recreation and Park Commission. This would allow the Recreation and Park Department to control access for maintenance and repair of the structure, as well as have control over programming and funding for the facility.

Final transfer of requires approval by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor. In summary the resolution addresses the following main agreements for both agencies:

- The transfer would include jurisdiction over the Geneva Avenue Office Building and Powerhouse building and the necessary property surrounding the structures to secure access and maintenance;
- The MTA and the Department have agreed that the transfer of jurisdiction over

the property is subject to a condition subsequent whereby if the Commission determines that the Property is no longer necessary for a recreational purpose, jurisdiction will revert to the MTA;

- The MTA can contribute approximately $865,000 toward the rehabilitation of the Building. The Recreation and Park Department will be responsible for securing the remaining funds for the restoration of the Building after the transfer is completed; and
- The MTA and Recreation and Park Department will enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth mutually acceptable conditions regarding permitted uses of the transferred property and MTA's rail yard, coordination of construction staging and other issues during the rehabilitation project for the Building.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the MTA and the Recreation and Park Department outlines a conceptual agreement regarding funding for the capital project, coordination of construction staging and other issues during the capital project, access to the buildings and property transferred to the Commission as well as to the adjacent MTA rail yard, and coordination of operational issues.

Capital Program and Funding

The seismic upgrade and rehabilitation of the Geneva Office Building and Powerhouse will be carried out in two phases.

Phase I, Structural Stabilization:

Construction work is estimated at $750,000, and soft cost and contingencies at $450,000 for a total of $1.2 million. Construction is expected to start in February 2004 and completed by August 2004. The scope of work includes structural bracing and essential repairs designed to make the Building less likely to collapse in an earthquake, but will not make the building structurally safe for occupancy.

Using FEMA funds and SFCTA grant funds, MTA has undertaken the design of a Phase I to stabilize the building. MTA has obtained $540,000 in State TCRP (Transportation Congestion Relief Program) funds for the G.O.B., of which up to $490,000 can be used for the stabilization project, and the remainder for future design work. This money must be expended by June 2004 in order to retain funding. Including this $490,000, MTA can contribute a total of $842,000; Recreation and Park Department has committed $50,000 in old open space project seed funds to begin the Phase I stabilization project work and will need an additional $540,000 to complete this work. The Department of Public Works (DPW) on behalf of Recreation and Parks will use their as-need construction contracts to carry out this work.

Phase II - Seismic Upgrade and Rehabilitation of Geneva Office Building and Powerhouse:

Construction is estimated between $14 and $16 million. Planning, design and bidding for this work is expected to take two years followed by two years of construction. The scope of work for this phase includes a complete seismic upgrade of both building structures, new electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, new interior finishes and refurbishing of historically significant building elements. No specific funding sources have been identified for the project, but it is believed that due to the nature of the future use of the building funding could be leveraged from multiple sources, including private donations, State and Federal Grants, and matching local funds.

Dan Weaver, Friends of Geneva Avenue Office Buiding stated support for the Geneva

Avenue Office Building transfer because finally after working for a number of years to save the building it was advancing through our partnership with the Department. **Rebecca Silverberg**, stated on behalf of the Friends of GOB that they are excited to work with the Department on this project. She mentioned that this bond was the first ever neighborhood historic preservation bond. She thanked the Commission for looking favorably upon this project. **Steve Currier**, stated on behalf of Outer Mission Residents Association that they wholeheartedly and unanimously endorse this project. He emphasized that the Outer Mission Residents Association was in total agreement that the transfer go to the Department. His organization assured the Department that they would do philanthropic fundraising and that there were no political ties to this building.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0401-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution urging approval by the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Board of Supervisors of the transfer of jurisdiction over the Geneva Avenue Office Building and Powerhouse, along with portions of the property surrounding the building, to the Recreation and Park Commission; adopting findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; authorizing a memorandum of understanding between RPD and MTA; and to allocate funds for temporary structural stabilization of the Geneva Avenue Office Building and Powerhouse in the amount of $540,000.

CAPITAL PLAN/CAPITAL DIVISION'S 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade updated the Commission on the Capital Plan. He explained that the new report reiterates that PROSAC did not approved the capital plan as staff review it with them. The Department notified PROSAC with a letter that the Commission had extended the time for review and comments. The Department did not received any further comments from the PROSAC members so based on that staff recommended that the comments the Commission has seen be all incorporated into the final document.

Overview: The Capital Division's 2003 Annual Report was distributed to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROSAC) as well as Recreation and Park Department Executive Staff on November 19, 2003 for review and comment. A memo was sent to people who attended the September 2003 Community Workshops in order to provide them with information on how to find the report and provide comments. In addition, the report was posted on the Department's web site.

A Summary of Comments received between November 19, 2003 and December 5, 2003 as well as the detailed list of comments was submitted to the Commission in December for review. At that time, the Commission requested that the Department continue to receive public comments on the Draft Report until January 4, 2004.

As of January 5, 2004, the Department had not received any additional comments. We are therefore recommending that all comments submitted at the December meeting be approved by the Commission and incorporated into the document.

In general, Capital Plan as presented in the Capital Division's 2003 Annual Report reflects additional narrative on background and history in addition to a list of projects by year and district. In addition, the project list is linked to the Department's property and facility database that will allow for increased reporting and improved presentation of information. The specific changes to the Capital Plan Projects by facility and property are found in the Draft 2003 Annual Report, Chapter III - Capital

Plan Update 2003 (FY 2003/04) starting on page 10.

As submitted to the Commission in the December meeting, there are fifty-seventy potential projects at forty Properties that will begin the conceptual planning process in Year 5 (Fiscal Year 2004/05).

Yomi Agunbiade asked the Commission that after review and approval of the capital plan going forward, staff would like to incorporate all comments into a new document published by February 6th. He also asked the Commission to consider allowing the Department to published only a paper version of the overview and project list and posts the document on-line. **President Murray** asked staff to make the document available upon request.

President Murray commented that over the last couple of years the Commission has received an excellent report but from a strategic and physiological perspective does not get very much time to work closely with staff. He suggested nominating a Commissioner to work with staff to facilitate feedback in the timeframe discussed. He nominated Commissioner Chin to lead that effort for the Commission between now and February 5th and thereafter.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RES. NO. 0401-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the updated Capital Plan as presented in the Capital Division's 2003 Annual Report.

Steve Cockrell, Coordinator of San Francisco Parks Coalition stated that he would like to see the Commission send a strong recommendation to PROSAC to immediately begin a process of a mission scope and goals so they can begin effectively address park issues rather than merely complaining.

President Murray asked Virginia Dario Elizondo to advise him between now and the next meeting in regard to how the Commission might evaluate and suggest to PROSAC some opportunities for working better together. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that PROSAC is an advisory body to this Commission. **President Murray** commented that since PROSAC was appointed by the Board of Supervisors there may be a process that the Commission communicate with the Board of Supervisors any concerns on how we can be more effective together. He stated that he would take the lead on this matter.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at time 4:05 p.m.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the Commission returned to opened session at 4:09 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to

disclose its closed session deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liam Shy, Youth Commission formally invited the Commission to the Youth Commission's hearing at 5:00 p.m. **Donald Bird** stated that the Dog Advisory Committee was working really really well. He spoke about the new dog play areas and the committee members changes. He asked that when Commissioner Murray and Commissioner Bonilla meet with the Mayor that they share how well the Dog Advisory Committee was doing since it was a concern to him during the campaign. He requested that the Commission write a letter to the Mayor about the success and civility of this Committee. **President Murray** asked Mr. Bird because of his knowledge to assist with a draft and send it to Margaret McArthur to be reviewed, edited and collaborated on. Mr. **Bird** stated that he would be willing to participate in drafting a letter for the Commission. The Commission wished Ernestine Weiss a Happy Birthday. **Ernestine Weiss** asked the Commission when a vote will be taken for the installation of a plaque for her efforts in saving Ferry Park. **President Murray** stated that on behalf of the Commission he would undertake this matter. He explained to Ms. Weiss that the challenges of her request. In general the Commission looks at these matters based on community sponsorship and usually the person was not directly involved. **Ms. Weiss** explained that a letter was sent on her behalf to the Commission several months ago. **President Murray** explained that he received the letter and responded in forty-eight hours. He also explained that the Commission needs to discuss Ms. Weiss request because there are policy matters regarding the process on determining who gets recognized. He stated that in the pass there has been ground swell of community support, which was the basis for recognition. He stated that he would address this request with a few Commissioners and speak to Ms. Weiss directly. **Steve Cockrell**, Coordinator of Parks Coalition commented that he had good news, last night the Commission of the Environment approved a Quail Recovery Plan for the City of San Francisco. He spoke about recommendation from NAPCAC should be coming to the Commission soon. He stated that the NAPCAC minority has created an excellent plan that has strong support and calls for mediations of stakeholder conflicts. He also spoke about NAPCAC minority leaders, Jack Laws, Jack Shaw and Steve Cockrell will meet with Supervisor Gonzales who offered to mediate these issues on Friday, January 23rd. He felt that they would be able to come with a good plan to benefit everybody including the Natural Areas Program. **Emeric Kalman** stated concerns regarding the use of water by the City Park system. **General Manager Goldstein** and **Dan McKenna** addressed Mr. Kalman's concerns. **Steve Worsley** stated concerns regarding Coit Tower.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned in memory of Dwain Swain at 4:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

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ROLL CALL

Present:

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Gloria Bonilla

Richard Guggenhime

Jim Lazarus

Rebecca Prozan

Absent:

Larry Martin

Gordon Chin

GENERAL CALENDAR

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2004-05 BUDGET

Michael Frank, Director of Finance and Administration gave an update on the Department's budget.

He spoke about: 1) the budget overview and context, 2) the budget for FY 2003/04 and 3) the budget proposal for the FY 2004/05.

Background:
The material submitted to the Commission was discussion of the budget of February 5th and February 19th. The material included the presentation to the public during the two Public Budget Meetings held during the last week of January. It also included input received at the public meetings. He stated that additional materials will be forwarded to the Commission prior to the February 19, 2004 Commission meeting.

Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Budget Context
The Mayor's Budget Office projects a deficit for FY 2004/05 of $260 million to $330 million. This range assumes current spending levels and no new wage increases for city employees. In addition, the election of a new Governor, the State budget crisis, a bond measure to help balance the State's budget on the March ballot, and labor contract reopeners all contribute to a climate of uncertainty as we move through this budget process.

The Department has been asked to absorb employee benefit cost increases within existing subsidy levels. This amounts to $1.7 million. In addition, the Department must submit a prioritized State contingency plan equal to 15% of General Fund support amounting to $4.8 million.

Lastly, the Recreation and Park Department must address the one-time measures used in FY 2003/04 to balance the budget including the Downtown Park Fund and Open Space Fund monies. These amount to approximately an additional $2.0 million. The total reduction target for FY 2004/05 is $8.5 million. The following chart summarizes the targets needed to balance the Department's budget in FY 2004/05.

There has been a 25% reduction in General Fund subsidy in the last two years. Departmental revenues have increased despite significant decreases in existing revenues as a result of the economy and tourist related income. The amount of operating funding coming out of the Open Space Fund has increased. The challenge for FY 2004/05 is that most fees have already been increased and the number of new revenue measures is limited. In addition, the Department has utilized most of its one-time and gift funds and these are no longer available to assist in budget balancing.

It is important for department staff, advocates, and the general public to understand the approach that the Department and Commission are using to base their budget balancing actions. During the FY 2003/04 budget process, the Commission approved the following budget balancing guidelines. They set a policy framework for decision-making by staff and the Commission.

- Prioritize core programs supporting the department's mission
- Maximize revenue generating opportunities
- Continue department improvement initiatives and efforts
- Maintain preventative maintenance levels, particularly on new facilities
- Maintain funding that leverages external financial and volunteer resources
- Strive for geographic and economic equity in reductions

- Pursue public/private and public/non-profit partnerships

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- Focus on partnerships with expertise outside of the Department
- Enhance customer opportunities, experience, and service

Mayor Newsom addressed the Commission and presented an overview of the projected shortfall for Fiscal Year 2004/05 including both the State and Local deficits. He requested that the Commission help in finding solutions.

Isabel Wade stated on behalf of PROSAC that the Department should hold off any layoffs for gardeners. She also stated that the Department should resubmit the following revenue sources: 1) naming rights for Candlestick Park and 2) parking in Golden Gate Park. She also stated on behalf of Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) that positions in administration should be cut from the top. She spoke about NPC's concerns regarding: 1) golf revenue, 2) the schedules at recreation center and 3) the recreation pilot model.

Emeric Kalman asked about: 1) the final budget figures and 2) the moral of the staff.

The Commission asked staff have following items to be heard and voted on separately: 1) Golden Gate Park parking, 2) Candlestick naming rights and 3) Camp Mather fees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the
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was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret
McArthur
Commission Liaison

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **New working model for Milton Meyer Recreation Center:** A working group comprised of staff from the Department and the San Francisco Housing Authority is working to develop a new working model for Milton Meyer Recreation Center. As you know, the property is owned by the Housing Authority and we currently are operating under a month to month agreement. We have completed a community needs assessment related to recreation programs and will focus on developing programs for tiny tots, adults and expanded programs for teens. We have also developed a mission statement for the working group that promotes the development of the property in the broader context of providing community services from a variety of sources including CBOs, non-profits and other governmental agencies. The group hopes to have a fully developed proposal for the site by mid-April of this year.

- **The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:**

  - From Ms. Helen Hilton Raiser, a gift of White Persium Cyclamen and Cordata for Union Square plantings, valued at $3,237.

- **The General Manager approved the following trips:**

  - An overnight ski trip to Kirkwood Ski Resort for eight blind teenagers, January 23rd through January 25th; participants pay $75.00 for this three-day event. Discovery Blind Sports will provide scholarships for some of our teens, and the rest will be covered by the Rose Resnick Lighthouse and Project Insight.

  - The Tenderloin Children's Playground will take 12 children for an over night ski trip to Bear Valley in Arnold, California, March 5th – March 7th.

Steve Cockrell stated his concerns regarding the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. He spoke about the composition of the Committee and money issues in-terms of personnel.

Yomi Agunbiade, Capital Program Manager explained that Capital Plan Annual Report for 2003 has been completed and has been distributed to the Commission. He spoke about the draft report has been submitted to the CIAC (Capital Improvement Advisory Committee) regarding next year's capital projects.

President Murray announced the Committee assignments for the coming year. He stated that **Commissioner Lazarus** will lead the Commission's efforts for the Zoo Committee, **Commissioner Guggenhime,** Finance and Administration and **Commissioner Prozan,** Parks and Planning.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Kenneth Truche stated that he opposed the ticket increase for Forty-Niners football games because with the economy today it was not a good idea to heighten prices where people can enjoy themselves. **William Wilson** stated that he opposed the dog play area at Eureka Valley Playground because the current proposal definitely does not put children first. **Eric Schmidt** stated that many people in the Eureka Valley neighborhood live with HIV and AIDS and need a park close by to take their dogs. **Kevin Roberts** stated that because of number of dog owners in Eureka Valley neighborhood the park needs a larger area to take their dogs. **Mark Keeney** stated that the community has gathered together at Eureka Valley since the dog area has divided from the rest of the park. **Donald Bird,** member of the Dog Advisory Committee stated support for proposed dog play area at Eureka Valley because the plan is a great compromise that meets the needs of the community **John Warda Jr.,** CPA representing Mr. Occhipinti stated to be clear that the transfer of the two lots for the LeConte Mini Park located on Meade and LeConte Avenues are to occur at the completion of the project. He also stated the Mr. Occhipinti consent was required in-terms of the transferring the deed to the City as stated in Motion 11170. **Archie Occhipinti,** Owner and Developer stated concerns regarding the funds given to the Department for the development of the LeConte Mini Park. **Ralph House,** Bay View Neighborhood Association stated that he knew nothing about the funds that Mr. Occhipinti was referring to and that this matter be brought to a close and should not delayed any longer.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0402-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the January 2004 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0402-002**

Donation From:		
Peninsula Humane Society	0.0.1 Common Crow	
12 Airport Boulevard		
San Mateo, CA 94401		
USDA – N/A		
Sold To:		
Newport Aquarium	0.0.6 Forsten's Lorikeet	$300 ea. $1,800
One Aquarium Way	0.0.1 Weber's Lorikeet	$300 ea. $300
Newport, KY 66606		
USDA – N/A		TOTAL DUE $2,100

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of a new restroom and storage maintenance structure at India Basin Shoreline Park. **RES. NO. 0402-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Dog Play Area at Eureka Valley Playground and Recreation Center. **RES. NO. 0402-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept two dedicated parcels for open space as part of Planning Commission Conditional Use Permit – Case 1986.299C (Motion No. 11170), lots 133 and 134, Assessor Block 4991, located at Meade and Le Conte Avenues in the Bay View Neighborhood and; to urge the Board of Supervisors to approve transfer of approximately 1,975 square feet of unimproved street right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public works, located on the southwest corner of Meade and Le Conte Avenues, for open space purposes.
RES. NO. 0402-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an extension of the Carrousel and Food Concession Lease in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0402-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the children's group party rates at the Carrousel Concession in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0402-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve retroactively an adjustment in rent and maintenance fund contribution for the Golden Gate Park Carrousel and Food Concession. **RES. NO. 0402-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc., in the amount of $657,000 to renovate the play area and construct a new sport court at Garfield Square.
RES. NO. 0402-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Lease with Evergreen Destination Holdings, LLC, for the operation of the Camp Mather Store. **RES. NO. 0402-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve an increase in the price of admission tickets to regular season games for the 2004 San Francisco 49er football season. **RES. NO. 0402-011**

GENERAL CALENDAR

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Yomi Agunbiade, Capital Division Manager presented this item to the Commission authorizing a resolution for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to install, operate and maintain its facilities within Golden Gate Park.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked staff to explain if there the Department was responsible for any cost related to this project. **Deborah Freedon,** New DeYoung Museum, Project Director and Department staff addressed Commissioner Guggenhime's concern.

Background: Application was made by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to PG&E on September 9, 2002 for electrical and gas service to the DeYoung Museum and on June 5, 2003 for electrical service to the Japanese Tea Garden.

PG&E requested in a letter on January 26, 2004, that the Recreation and Park Commission authorize PG&E to install, operate and maintain underground gas and electric facilities within Golden Gate Park to provide this service. The General Manager of Recreation and Parks provided a letter to PG&E on February 3, 2004 indicating that this approval would be sought in a resolution placed before the Recreation and Parks Commission at their meeting on February 19, 2004.

Property Description: The facilities to be installed, operated and maintained by PG&E are described in final PG&E Drawing PM 30300793 dated February 11, 2004 and includes, but is not limited to, below-grade vaults, conduit, cable runs and above grade transformers.

This system of facilities begins at the intersection of Fulton Street and 10th Avenue, with work on the south side of this intersection. Below grade conduit and cable is run 240 feet along the west side of 10th Avenue between Fulton Street and John F. Kennedy Drive and turns west to continue 544' along the north side of John F. Kennedy Drive. At this point:

a) PG&E facilities will cross John F. Kennedy Drive to enter the DeYoung project site and provide electrical and gas service to the DeYoung Museum.

b) PG&E facilities will continue 246' further west along the north side of John F. Kennedy Drive. At this point, PG&E facilities will cros John F. Kennedy Drive and service an electrical transformer to serve the Japanese Tea Garden.

Conditions of Approval: None.

Environmental Review: The Board of Supervisors upheld the environmental review for the DeYoung Museum on January 14, 2002 and denied the appeal.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0402-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to install, operate and maintain its facilities within Golden Gate Park to serve the DeYoung Museum and the Japanese Tea Garden.

President Murray recognized Mr. Jones from the San Francisco Zoological Society.

E. Richard Jones, Chairman, Board of Director, San Francisco Zoological Society, introduced Manuel Mollinedo, who recently joined the Zoo as the Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoo and President of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

Manuel Mollinedo thanked Mr. Jones, the Recreation and Park Commission and General Manager Goldstein for having him here this afternoon. He commended the Commission and the San Francisco Zoological Society for the remarkable improvements at the Zoo. He hoped to bring to the table the energy and ability to build upon what has already been started and at least by the time his tenure was over he will have made the San Francisco Zoo the best in California.

President Murray welcomed Mr. Mollinedo and on behalf of the Commission he thanked Mr. Mollinedo for the skill and enthusiasm that he was bringing to the job.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2004-05 BUDGET

Michael Frank, Director of Administration and Finance presented this item to the Commission. His presentation included the budget balancing proposal for the $3.5 million reduction target and the $4.7 million prioritized list to be submitted to the Mayor's Office. In addition, requested information on employee premium pays and overtime for FY 2002/03. He spoke about: 1) the budget reduction targets, 2) mid-year budget reductions for FY 2003/04, 3) base budget proposal for FY 2004/05 and 4) the State contingency prioritized list for FY 2004/05.

President Murray stated that vote today was for the base-line budget including the attendance sub-components. He suggested to the team that they hold-off until the next meeting to vote on the draft prioritized list. He acknowledged that staff put a real high level of effort on the proposed budget and asked **Commissioner Lazarus** with the help of **Commissioner Chin** compile a list for discussion on suggested policy direction to work with the Board of Supervisors or otherwise pursue to help the Department.

Donald Bird stated concern that the Department only receives two percent of the entire San Francisco budget. He suggested that for the future that everyone work together to get a higher percentage for this Department. **Martin MacIntyre** stated concerns regarding the revenue collected from the events at Sharon Meadow. **President Murray** stated that the Commission will follow-up on Mr. MacIntyre concerns regarding the revenue for events at Sharon Meadow. **Starchild,** Liberation Party of San Francisco stated concerns regarding the suggestion by the previous speaker to charge the producers of Reggae in the Park higher fees for their yearly event at Sharon Meadow. **Alyssa White,** representing the Youth Commission's Recreation and Services Committee she thanked the Commission for including the Youth Commission in the budget process. She stated concerns regarding the lack of funds for youth recreation and the needed

improvements for recreational facilities. She asked that the Commission keep youth recreation in mind when making budget decisions.

After the presentation on the budget the Commission discussed potential revenue sources to propose to the Mayor's office.

Katie Petrucione, Analyst in the Mayor's Budget Office stated that the city departments and commissions were asked to look at their budget in two stages. The first stage was to put together a 5-1/2 percent reduction to their base-line budget and secondly, to create a prioritized 15 percent reduction list. She respectively requested that the Commission approve today the 5-1/2 percent reduction of the base-line budget reduction that was achievable. She stated concern that the revenue for both the naming rights and parking meters at Golden Gate Park could not be counted in the 5-1/2 percent reduction due to the Mayor's Office tomorrow.

Commissioner Lazarus proposed a motion that the Department send the base-line budget to the Mayor's Office with the following modifications. Add $1 million of revenue. From naming rights $500,000 and the net balance of the next fiscal year's revenue from parking. Eliminate from the redeployment and potential service reduction of $1.2 million. $1 million of that to be determined by the General Manager's staff that would be a reduction from Recreation and Facility Maintenance Scenario A.

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur called a Roll Call Vote.

Commissioner Bonilla: No
Commissioner Chin: No
Commissioner Guggenhime: No
Commissioner Lazarus: Yes
Commissioner Martin: Yes
Commissioner Murray: No

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur stated that the motion failed.

President Murray suggested to his fellow Commissioners alternative motions: 1) to take the staff's budget proposal and add strong urging that these additional revenue items be included to identify specific restorations the Commission would like to make or 2) to accept staff's recommendations.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to take staff's recommendation for the base-line budget and add the $1 million revenue items for stadium naming and parking in Golden Gate Park to be considered very strongly.

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur asked the Commission if they would like to add to the resolution the reductions in Senario A for the facility maintenance and recreation service.

President Murray stated that since the Department was eliminating $1 million in cuts then staff should take off reductions in Scenario A from program and services. He also stated that the Commission would communicate this matter to the Board of Supervisors with a letter.

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur called a Roll Call Vote.

Commissioner Bonilla: Yes
Commissioner Chin: yes
Commissioner Guggenhime: Yes
Commissioner Lazarus: Yes
Commissioner Martin: Yes
Commissioner Murray: Yes

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur stated that the vote was unanimous.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0402-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's base-line budget submission for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 with a strong urging to add $1 million in revenue for stadium naming and parking in Golden Gate Park reducing the $1.2 million from program and service reductions.

General Manager Goldstein asked the Commission if they had any thoughts on the proposed budget that staff could address at the next meeting.

The Commission asked staff to address the following concerns: 1) the closures and hours of operation of facilities affected by the reduction, 2) focus on those neighborhoods and individuals that do not have the option to replace our service elsewhere, 3) facility and park maintenance issues, 4) the percentage of San Franciscans utilizing city parks and 5) maintaining the hours of operation for the latchkey program for the youth population

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Murray stated that the Board of Supervisors has approved an eminent domain action on 701 Lombard. He reminded the Commission and the people testifying that this item was not currently or at the moment on future Commission schedules.

James Lew representing North Beach Neighbors stated opposition for acquiring 701 Lombard because the Commission made the correct decision not to expend the funds to acquire 701 Lombard Street. **Brian O'Flynn** stated his opposition on the approval by the Board of Supervisors to acquire 701 Lombard by eminent domain because of the Recreation and Park Commission voted on November 20, 2003 not expend funds to acquire this property. He also stated that there are other areas in the City which sorely need parks in their neighborhood. **Starchild, Libertarian Party** stated his support for the property owners of 701 Lombard because property should not be taken from the City by force. He thanked the Commission for voting not expend funds to acquire 701 Lombard. **Brendan Therrick** District 10 resident asked the Commission to maintain their position not expend funds to acquire 701 Lombard because he has not seen any pro-park arguments to justify spending $4 million on this neighborhood when the funds could be used elsewhere. **Carrie Mellon** on behalf of Martin Coyne and Brian O'Flynn thanked the Commission on their very wise position not to expend funds on 701 Lombard. She asked the Commission to maintain that position especially given the budget constraints that were discussed. **Derry Casey** asked the Commission to stick with their decision not to expend funds for 701 Lombard. **Charles Thomas,** resident in District 3, supports the property owners of 701 Lombard because it was irresponsible to appropriate funds for this project when the Department can not maintain the parks they have now. He stated that there were less expensive properties in the vicinity and there was no proof of necessity. **Martin MacIntyre** representing Golden Gate Neighbors stated concerns regarding that the amplified sound for permitted events at Sharon Meadows. **Wayne Lanier, PhD** stated concerns regarding the amplified sound from events in Golden Gate Park which was threatening this once quiet oasis in San Francisco. **Joan Downe**y representing CVIA stated that the permits for the amplified sound at Sharon Meadow have exceeded the acceptable limits. She requested on behalf of the Board of CVIA to denied permits for Alice, Reggae in the Park and Now and Zen for 2004 because these groups are not interested in complying with the ordinances at all. Also, on behalf of CVIA she made recommendations for the amplified sound permit. **Philip Lum** representing University Terrace Association stated concerns regarding the unwanted noise coming from the events at Sharon Meadows. **Doerte Murray** a resident living three blocks from Golden Gate Park stated concerns regarding the events at Sharon Meadows. She also stated she flatly rejected the new policy because staff did incorporate the police code and allows the promoters 96 to 102 decibels for the events. **Marianna Hess** stated concerns regarding events at Sharon Meadow. She asked staff to address her concerns at the March meeting.**Ted Lowenberg** representing Waller Street Neighborhood Association stated concerns regarding the amplified sound coming from events at Sharon Meadow. **Miki Yoshimura** resident in the Panhandle stated concerns regarding amplified sound in the Panhandle and Sharon Meadow. She also stated concerns regarding notice of the events held at Golden Gate Park. **Mary Helen Briscoe** representing Panhandle Residents Organization Stanyan Fulton (PROSF) stated concerns regarding the amplified sound coming from the events held in Golden Gate Park. **Tys Sniffen** resident living in the Panhandle stated that

concerns regarding the events held in Golden Gate Park. **Emeric Kalman** asked the Commission: 1) not to cut park patrol positions and 2) if the mid-year reductions for FY 2003/04 were complete and available for the public. He stated concerns regarding response time for a complaint and event enforcement especially for the children in the park. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that staff would submit a sound policy for Sharon Meadows at the March meeting of Parks and Planning Committee.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus asked the Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur to arrange that the Sound Policy for Sharon Meadow be heard as a agenda item for the next meeting of the Parks and Planning Committee. **Commissioner Martin** suggested that the people who had concerns regarding the events in Golden Gate Park give public testimony at a Police Commission hearing. **Commissioner Guggenhime** asked staff to look into having the promoter hire a professional sound consultant for each event. **President Murray** asked that staff invites neighborhood groups to give input on the new sound policy for Sharon Meadow. He asked that staff send a letter to notify past groups that were issued permits for amplified sound that future policies will be discussed so they understand the significance of the policy.

Commissioner Lazarus gave an update on the meeting of the Zoo Committee. He spoke about: 1) the financial concerns regarding the Zoo's budget, 2) the opening of Africa! Savanna and 3) the West Niles disease. He requested that staff give a report on the West Nile disease at a Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned 5:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Christopher Newsom, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, March 18, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 2:05 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

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Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Gordon Chin
Larry Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee the request for a fee waiver for the San Francisco Jr. Glens Soccer Club to conduct a soccer camp at The Beach Chalet or West Sunset Playground was denied because of the current budget situation.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Renovation at Hunters View:** The Department is working with the Housing Authority and the Department of the Environment to renovate a community garden on Housing Authority property as part of a revitalization effort for the Hunters View Public Housing Complex. Department staff will work on the renovation project and turn the long-term maintenance over to a CBO under contract with the Department of the Environment.

- **Construction of Concourse Garage:** Once construction of the Music Concourse garage has commenced in the area we are proposing to close the Concourse bowl to the public. Construction of the bowl itself will not start for approximately another year. However, construction will commence on three sides of the bowl with the only access for the public from the Band Shell. Debris and dust from those activities as well as the associated heavy equipment will create at best an unpleasant environment and possibly unsafe situations for park users. We have received objections from several individuals related to their desire to access the site for monitoring the construction activities and for casual recreation. At this point, staff is recommending that access should be prohibited once construction commences.

- **Reconstruction of Fairway at Sharp Park Golf Course:** The Recreation and Park Department through the Golf division is requesting Permit Approvals from the City of Pacifica to begin the reconstruction of the Twelfth Fairway at Sharp Park Golf Course that was lost in the El Nino storm of 1982. The initial project will be to accept soil and rough grading from Peak Engineering using the original plans from DPW archives.

- **Harbor Advisory Board Disbands:** At its March 8, 2004 meeting, The Marina Small Craft Harbor Advisory Committee voted to disband. Chairperson Courtney Clarkson raised the item as new business. Voting YES to disband were: Courtney Clarkson, Tim Breece, Al Cavey, Jack Kaus, and Jim Robbins. Voting NO were Emeric Kalman and Joan Girardot. Gloria Fontanello abstained from voting. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Clarkson received written resignations from Chuck Kimball, Ariel Poler and Christine Kaplan. David Miller's position was still vacant. Les Goldner was absent.

- **Aquatics Scrip Tickets:** Aquatics scrip tickets may now be purchased on-line with a credit card from the Department or City's websites.

- **Permits and Reservations Now Accepts Credit Cards:** The Permits and Reservations section now accepts credit cards at the Pioneer Log Cabin.

- **The General Manager approved the following trips:**

  - The staff of the Tenderloin Children's Playground is planning to take a group of 40 children, ages 8-14 on a weekend trip to Disneyland on May 14th.

  - Twenty-five children drawn from our Latchkey program at J.P. Murphy Playground will attend our fifth annual overnight ski trip at Sierra-At-Tahoe March 28th – 30th.

  - On March 5th Project Insight took a group of Blind/Visually Impaired youths for an overnight sleepover at our Wawona clubhouse.

General Manager Goldstein explained that the Marina Small Craft Harbor Advisory Committee at their last meeting voted to disband the Committee and will update on this subject the Commission at future meetings. She updated the Commission on the legislation regarding the PGA amendment that passed at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors. She introduced Phil Rossi to give a report on the West Niles Disease.

Phil Rossi, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator gave a report on the West Niles Disease. He spoke about: 1) staff awareness, 2) site abatement and 3) public outreach. **Commissioner Bonilla** recommended that staff post signs at areas where mosquitoes are present for public safety.

Michael Frank gave an overview on the golf fund. He spoke about: 1) subsidized recreation programs, 2) golf round information, 3) comparative usage information, 4) golf overview, 5) clarifying myths, 6) old golf program versus new golf fund, 7) beginning FY 2004/05 costs budgeted by Course, 8) Course estimated FY 2004/05 financials, 9) Harding Park Course, 10) variables depressing Harding revenues and 11) future golf fund issues. He concluded that: 1) the golf fund has allowed all related costs to be captured in one place, 2) the golf program is picking up a greater share of costs than in the past and 3) once Harding's grow in and clubhouse are complete, the golf fund should be able to make full debt payments to the Open Space Fund.

Reola Freeman stated that pull carts and roll carts are two important revenue sources the Department should consider. **President Murray** explained that the cart rentals are included as a proposed revenue source. She also stated that the public should know that reservations are needed not only at Harding Golf Course but at all the municipal golf courses and that she be informed when there are golf events for kids.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4E, Harding Park and Fleming Golf Course was removed from the Consent Calendar as requested by staff.

On motion made by **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the February 5 and February 19, 2004 meetings.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0403-002**

Donation To:		
Bronwyn Keterwas	0.0.2 Peach-faced lovebird	
120 Pierce Street, #6		
San Francisco, CA 94171		
USDA – N/A		
Exchange To:		
Safari West	1.2 Nyala	$4,500 grp
3105 Porter Creek Road	1.4 Common eland	$ 500 grp
Santa Rosa, CA 95404		
USDA #93-C-0579	Total Credit Due	$5,000
Exchange From:		
Safari West	1.2 Scimitar-horned oryx	$5,000 grp
3105 Porter Creek Road		
Santa Rosa, CA 95404		
USDA #93-C-0576		

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "Boston Properties'" request to produce Fall Fest 2004, a gated and ticketed festival of food, wine, chef demonstrations, and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound for jazz between the hours of 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. and a request to sell beer and wine at Justin Herman Plaza on October 2, 2004 to benefit the Meals on Wheels charitable organization **RES. NO. 0403-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan to improve Arguello Boulevard in Golden Gate Park to accommodate a new bike lane in the south bound direction.

RES. NO. 0403-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve of a resolution to submit one application to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Grants Program in the amount of $180,000 to fund improvements to the Bay Area Ridge Trail located within Sigmund Stern Grove and Pine Lake Parks. **RES. NO. 0403-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve exceeding the San Francisco Zoo Africa! Savanna base contract by 15%. This amount includes 5% of approved change orders 4% of pending change orders, 4% of potential change orders; and a 2% contingency to bring the project to construction completion.

RES. NO. 0403-006

GENERAL CALENDAR

HARDING PARK AND FLEMING GOLF COURSE

Rick Thall, Department of Public Works explained that the agenda item wording when submitted to the Finance Committee was changed to award a construction contract to NCCI, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of $1,347,000 for the Harding Park Clubhouse – Phase 1 Project.

Bid Information:
Of the six bids received, NCCI, Inc. or LC General Engineering and Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. NCCI, Inc. submitted a construction base bid of $1,347,000. This bid was $47,000 over the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,300,000. LC General Engineering and Construction, Inc. submitted a construction base bid of $1,427,000. This bid was $127,000 over the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $1,300. Upon Commission's approval, staff will initiate the contract review and certification process, followed by the start of the 140-day construction period.

Project Description:
Harding Park is a 163-acre facility located on Harding Road at Skyline Boulevard within Assessor's Block 7283. The park is a triangular area of land that extends into Lake Merced, in the southwestern corner of San Francisco. The Harding Park Clubhouse Project is part of the overall Harding Park and Fleming Golf Course Renovation. A new 20,000 square foot clubhouse facility will be built north of the renovated parking lot with access from Harding Road.

The Harding Park clubhouse involves constructing a two-story steel structure with plaster siding and a standing-metal seamed roof. The clubhouse facility replaces the existing temporary facility on-site. The previous clubhouse was demolished as part of the golf course renovation project. The clubhouse includes a pro shop, dining and kitchen facility for 150, an event room (locker room for PGA tournaments), an upstairs assembly room with a view and deck overlooking the 18th hole, offices and storage.

Phase I construction includes general site and utility work, construction of the basement and structural steel framing and decking. Phase II construction will include the remainder of the building and the finish site-work.

The temporary clubhouse facility will remain in operation until the new building is completed.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to NCCI, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of $1,347,000 for the Harding Park Clubhouse – Phase I Project.

GOLDEN GATE PARK POLO FIELD

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission to approve a musical event at the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park on September 11, 2004. She asked the Commission to consider the possibility of the date to be changed to September 12th due to scheduling conflicts. **President Murray** asked staff to address concerns raised at the Parks and Planning meeting. **Sandy Lee** addressed the following issues: 1) potential damage to turf, 2) impacts on parking and transportation and 4) recreational users displaced during the event.

Description: Another Planet Entertainment will be arriving by 8:00 AM on September 8, 2004 to set up for this event. Break down will be completed by midnight on September 12, 2004. The maximum number of attendees will be restricted to 50,000-60,000 people only.

The Dave Matthews Band will headline the show.

The professional platform stage is approximately 120' wide by 56'. There will be hospitality tents and trailers in the backstage area for talent and VIP guests.

Another Planet Entertainment will provide a number of food and beverage vendors as well as a limited number of craft vendors.

History: This is a first time event, however, Greg Perloff and Sherry Wasseman, the principals of Another Planets are former principals of Bill Graham Presents and have done several successful events over the years in the Polo Fields including Laughter, Love & Music, the Tibetan Freedom Concert and WOMAD.

Martin MacIntyre stated concerns regarding: 1) the collection of fees, 2) the staging of speakers and 3) the distribution of tickets. **Chris Duderstadt**, Alliance for Golden Gate Park spoke about the letter the Alliance sent to the Commission stating their concerns. He also stated concerns regarding: 1) bad weather during the week of the event, 2) enforcement at the event and 3) staff communicating with Muni prior to the event.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to explain if the Department was in compliance with the park code on the purposed fee. **City Attorney Virginia Dario Elizondo** explained that in the fee schedule community non-commercial event which is a non-ticketed event the base is 1,200 for $10,000 participants then goes up proportionately for the number expected participants plus the additional costs and for over 10,000 participants fee is a minimum of $5,000.

President Murray stated that while staff checked if the fee were calculated correctly the Commission moved on to the next item.

After the Lake Merced item staff explained to the Commission that fee was correctly calculated.

City Attorney Virginia Dario explained that under Section 12.22B Community or Non-Commercial Events which is what this event is determined and is free to the public with over 10,000 participants pays a minimum of $5,000 plus additional fees or costs determined by impacts to the park. She also explained that the fees were calculated correctly and the fee for this event is $100,000.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve "Another Planet Entertainment's" request to produce a gated, free, ticketed musical event at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, September 11, 2004 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and a request to sell beer and wine.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Edgar Lopez, Department of Public Works, Project Manager presented this item to the Commission for approval of the Financial Plan for the reconstruction of the California Academy of Sciences. As requested at the Finance Committee he provided a schedule of pledges to the Commission.

President Murray stated that this item was heard at Finance Committee and there were no problems with it. He explained that the Committee decided not to put it on the consent calendar because of the size and significance overall giving everyone the chance to hear the presentation and ask questions.

Background/Description:
In August, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved reconstruction of the facilities in Golden Gate Park operated by the California Academy of Sciences (the "Project"). The Project entails substantial new construction and renovations, the demolition of eleven existing buildings totaling approximately 311,400 gross square feet, the substantial renovation of one building, Africa hall, and an overall increase in floor space and a consolidation of exhibit spaces, resulting in a reduction in the overall footprint of the Academy's facilities. The $379 million budget for the Project also includes design and construction of entirely new exhibits for the museum and a $20 million increase in the California Academy of Science's endowment.

The Financial Plan has been developed by the California Academy of Sciences, in consultation with Recreation and Parks and Department of Public Works staff. Administrative Code Section 2A.160 requires CAS, before it commences construction of any buildings or additions to buildings, to submit a statement satisfactory to the Recreation and Park Commission of its ability to finance the proposed work to completion.

The Project will be financed through a unique combination of public and private funds. CAS is confident that it will, through its ongoing fundraising efforts, successfully raise all of the funds to complete the entire Project, including spectacular new exhibits and the proposed $20 million increase in the Academy, with the proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds approved by the City's voters, already has, in hand or pledged, sufficient funds to construct the building itself, and to open to the public a fully functional museum, aquarium and planetarium.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Financial Plan for the California Academy of Sciences pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2A.160 regarding the reconstruction of the Academy.

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS

General Manager Goldstein recognized Larry MacNeil the new CFO of the Forty-Niners and Mo Fowell Director of Stadium Operations.

General Manager Goldstein presented this item to the Commission to approve a rent credit agreement between the Department and the San Francisco 49ers.

Background/Description:
The Department maintains the Candlestick Park Stadium. The Department and the 49ers have identified a short but costly list of needed repairs and improvements to Candlestick to insure the on-going health and safety of the public and staff using the Stadium. These repairs and improvements include:

- The repair of the light towers
- The replacement of the sound system
- Elimination of mold
- Repair of the advertising band fasteners
- Replacement of spalling concrete on the upper concourse
- Repair of elevators and escalators
- Repair of the Jumbotron

As the Commission will remember, the Department has sought several different types of arrangements with the 49ers to bring additional money to fund Stadium repairs. The Commission and the Board of Supervisors approved one of these mechanisms, the Advertising Agreement. The funds from that Agreement are put in a segregated fund for mutually determined Stadium repairs. The 49ers and the Department have agreed to dedicate these funds over the next few years for the repair of the Jumbotron.

The other mechanism that has been proposed by the Department has been the Naming Rights Agreement. The Commission approved this agreement. However, the Board of Supervisors did not adopt it. In the absence of this funding mechanism the Department is faced with pressing capital repairs at the Stadium.

Section 1 of the Eight Amendment to the Stadium Lease between the City and the 49ers allows:

> "With the prior approval of the Commission, repairs and improvements undertaken by the Lessee may be deducted from any rents due to Lessor pursuant to this lease.... Any and all improvements and/or equipment purchased by Lessee and thereafter deducted as a rent credit shall become the property of City upon the purchase of the equipment or improvements and at such time that Lessee and Commission through the General Manager, mutually agree that the equipment or repairs have been delivered or completed in satisfactory condition."

The Department and the 49ers have negotiated an agreement to fund the repairs and improvements that are deemed essential. The 49ers have agreed to undertake the following repairs this year in exchange for a rent credit in fiscal years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, the final three years of the 49ers lease for the Stadium:

- The repair of the light towers
- The replacement of the sound system
- Elimination of mold
- Repair of the advertising band fasteners

The terms of the agreement also include:

- Rent credits will be based on actual expenditure.
- The 49ers also charge the Department an interest rate of 5.05% to compensate for their cost of funds.
- This list of repairs is all-inclusive except in the event of an unexpected failure.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that there are numerous advertising panels that are vacant at the stadium. He suggested that staff looks into the resale of the vacant advertising panels on the grounds of Candlestick Park or if the panels cannot be resold the Department could find a way to advertise using these panels. He asked that the July General Manager's Report includes a follow-up report on status of the repairs and other annual maintenance issues in preparation of the August season.

Mo Fowell, San Francisco 49ers thanked the Commission very much for approving the agreement. He stated that the 49ers understand and appreciate the Department's budget problems and this agreement will give the 49ers a way to do some safety repairs at the stadium and hopefully get them through the term of their lease.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco 49ers, regarding a rent credit to pay for various improvements to Candlestick Park.

LAKE MERCED STORM WATER DAMAGE REPAIR

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission for repairs to damaged sites at Lake Merced.

Background/Description:

On February 25, 2004, a 200-500 year event storm occurred causing extensive damage to the newly constructed Fishing Pier and Parking Lot project site. Ed Lee, the Director Public Works issued an Emergency Declaration for this and other damaged sites around Lake Merced on March 3, 2004. The Declaration allows the City to pursue multiple avenues to make repairs and mitigate the existing unsafe situations caused by floodwaters.

The Fishing Pier and Parking Lot project was awarded to Ghilotti Brothers and Pan Marine Joint Venture in the amount of $862,523 on November 19, 2002, and substantial completion was issued to the contractor on February 28, 2004. The contractor is still working on finalizing the punch-list items prior to final completion.

Under the circumstances staff has a couple of options to contract for the repairs,

1. Issue a change order to Ghilotti Brothers and Pan Marine Joint Venture: Under this option, staff would negotiate a change order under the existing contract for the Fishing Pier and Parking Lot project. Currently, the Department has expended all of the allowable 10% construction contingency to address the unforeseen conditions on the project. In order to modify this contract, to cover the repairs, staff requested that the Commission authorize the increase of the change order limit from 10% to 305. Although, staff does not have the final bids from the contractor, staff believes this increase is adequate to cover all anticipated costs.

2. Issue an emergency contractor to another contractor: The Emergency Declaration by the Department of Public Works allows for an expedited contracting process. We are able to solicit bids from up 3 contractors for the desired scope of work and negotiate with them for the lowest price. Under this scenario, staff is asking that the Commission direct the General Manager to receive bids and award an emergency contract not to exceed $150,000 to repair erosion damage caused by the storms.

Due to the timing of the storm staff was unable to include in this report the final bids for the options described in the above. Staff will have the bids for both options and will make a recommendation at the meeting based on the information gathered.

Commissioner Lazarus suggested that staff look into the City's emergency reserve fund for the damages since the Director of Public Works issued an Emergency Declaration. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that staff would explore Commissioner Lazarus' suggestion and with the Commission authorization staff will substitute funds later.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the increase of the change order limit on the Lake Merced Fishing Pier and Parking Lot project (Project Number 0488J) from 10% to 30% in order to issue an emergency change order to repair erosion damage caused by the storms on February 25, 2004 and increase the contract duration to 430 days due to the unanticipated delays under the original contract to allow for this change order work.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - SHARON MEADOW SOUND POLICY

Sandy Lee presented this item to the Commission to amend the Recreation and Park Department's amplified sound permit policy for Sharon Meadow.

Background:
Currently, the Recreation and Park Department's sound policy is incorporated in the Recreation and Park Department's Permit and Reservation Policy amended May 15, 1997. Specifically the policy states that "Permits for events which require amplified sound permits issued by the Police Department shall also be allowed at Sharon Meadow, but only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; provided, however, that amplified sound shall not exceed one (1) continuous five (5) hour period during these hours."

The Department is in the process of reviewing the Permit and Reservation Policy for revisions including sound permits, site permits and performance bonds. Changes in City Law now require RPD to issue sound permits. The last amendments made to this policy were in 1997. Staff will be bringing to the Commission other revisions to this policy over the next few months. This item is specific to the sound policy at Sharon Meadow. Sharon Meadow is located near the east entrance of Golden Gate Park surrounded by Kezar Drive, Bowling Green Drive and JFK Drive. Sharon Meadow is currently used for events ranging from Opera In the Park to Now and Zen.

Over the last few years, there have been complaints about noise from these events. Staff has been working with the Park Police Station, SFPD's Sound Bureau, community members and promoters to try and resolve these complaints. In addition the Department hired an outside-certified sound consultant, Charles M. Salter Associates to study the sound problems and make recommendations on how to resolve these.

President Murray stated that today the Commission received detail feedback on the proposed policy. He asked that Staff and the City Attorney review the proposed changes and make recommendations to the Commission in a month. **Commissioner Guggenhime** suggested that staff meets with the neighborhood leaders and come back to the Commission next month.

Martin MacIntyre stated that concerns regarding the amplified sound policy for Sharon Meadow. **Mary Helen Briscoe,** PROSF stated concerns regarding the amplified sound coming from concerts in Golden Gate Park. **Doerte Murray** stated concerns that the new amplified sound policy was not different from the old sound policy.

Due to audio problems the remaining meeting and testimony was not audible.

Taken from speaker cards from the public who testified on this item.

Ted Loewenberg representing Waller Street Neighbors opposed this item, **Ron Miguel** representing PAR stated his concerns with the policy, **Karen Crommie** representing Cole Valley Improvement Association (CVIA) stated opposition for the policy because the events had over amplified sound, and **Joan Downey** representing Cole Valley Improvement Association (CVIA) also addressed her concerns.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does amend the Recreation and Park Department's amplified sound permit policy for Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park, directs staff to meet with community members for further review and recommended amendments. This item is to be heard at the Parks and Planning Committee of the Commission in May.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2004-05 BUDGET

Michael Frank made a presentation the Commission for approval of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's 15% prioritized contingency list for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

Background:
Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Budget Context

The Mayor's Budget Office projects a deficit for FY 2004/05 of $260 million to $330 million. This range assumes current spending levels and no new wage increases for City employees. In addition, the election of a new governor, the State budget crisis, a bond measure to help balance the State's budget on the march ballot, and labor contract reopeners all contribute to a climate of uncertainty as we move through this budget process.

The Department has been asked to absorb employee benefit cost increases within existing subsidy levels. This amounts to $1.7 million. In addition, the Department must submit a prioritized State contingency plan equal to 15% of General Fund support amounting to $4.8 million.

Lastly, the Recreation and Park Department must address the one-time measures used in FY 2003/04 to balance the budget including the Downtown Park Fund and Open Space Fund monies. These amount to approximately an additional $2.0 million. The total reduction target for FY 2004/05 is $8.5 million. The following chart summarizes the targets needed to balance the Department's budget in FY 2004/05.

5.5% Reduction	$1.7M
15% Reduction	$4.8
Prior year one-time measures	$2.0
TOTAL	**$8.5M**

There has been a 25% reduction in General subsidy in the last two years. Departmental revenues have increased despite significant decreases in existing revenues as a result of the economy and tourist related income. The amount of operating funding coming out of the Open space Fund has increased. The challenge for FY 2004/05 is that most fees have already been increased and the number of new revenue measures is limited. In addition, the Department has utilized most of its one-time and gift funds and these are no longer available to assist in budget balancing.

It is important for department staff, advocates, and the general public to understand the approach that the department and Commission are using to base their budget balancing actions. During the FY 2003/04 budget process, the Commission approved the following budget balancing guidelines. They set policy framework for decision-making by staff and the Commission.

- Prioritize core programs supporting the Department's mission
- Maximize revenue-generating opportunities
- Continue Department improvement initiatives and efforts
- Maintain preventative maintenance levels, particularly on new facility
- Maintain funding that leverages external financial and volunteer resources

- Strive for geographic and economic equity in reductions
- Pursue public/private and public/non-profit partnerships

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- Focus on partnerships with expertise outside of the Department
- Enhance customer opportunities, experience, and service

Mary Crespo, stated opposition of the lay-off of gardeners because the Department lost enough gardeners from attrition and retirement.

Taken from speaker cards from the public who testified on this item.

Ernestine Weiss
Emeric Kalman stated he opposed this item.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0403-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's 15% prioritized contingency list for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Taken from speaker cards from the public who testified on closed session.

Chris Duderstadt and **Emeric Kalman** spoke on this item.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 5:20 p.m.

The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 5:41 p.m.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Taken from speaker cards from the public who testified on this item.

Jerry Schimmel spoke about the Bernal Heights Improvements, **Courtney Clarkson** spoke about the Marina Harbor Advisory Committee, **Lawrence Casey** poke about the Randall Museum, **Elliot Katz, DVM** spoke on the condition of the elephants at the zoo, **Ernestine Weiss** and **Emeric Kalman.**

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned 5:59 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

- San Francisco

Gavin Christopher Newsom, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 2:06 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

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President Murray announced that Agenda Item 5 and Agenda Item 6 has been removed from calendar to be heard separately. Item 5, Capital Program Bond Accountability Report will be heard at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 in Room 416 at 3:00 p.m. Item 6, the Friends of the Randall Museum item will go to the Parks and Planning Committee so it can be fully discussed and the public can give more feedback, the meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 in Room 416 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lazarus suggested that staff have a public meeting on the Randall Museum proposed contract between now and May 5th so some concerns will be mitigated before the Committee meeting. He also suggested that early in the process the concepts of contracts be discussed at meetings of the Parks and Planning Committee. **President Murray** stated that he was very supportive of Commissioner Lazarus' suggestion and directed staff that when considering partnerships before there was a formal agreement that it come to the Park and Planning Committee as part of the Commission process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray took a moment to recognized and announced that General Manager Goldstein was leaving the Department. He stated that he worked with General Manager Goldstein for five years and it was clear that she spends time with staff to make a work product that has progressed dramatically. The Department now has a vision of the organization that was very different than it was five years ago and while it will take many months and years before the full results of those efforts are realized it would not have happened but for her leadership and he was personally grateful having the opportunity to work with her.

Commissioner Chin stated as the senior member of this Commission he had the pleasure of working with General Manager Goldstein for quite some time and as President Murray said she has brought tremendous amount of leadership, passion and creativity to this Department and Commission. He stated that she had done a great job and that he will miss her.

Commissioner Lazarus stated that there has not been a more professional General Manager who has brought more understanding of long-term planning and vision for what a recreation and park department needs to deliver service to its constituency and that she will be missed.

Commissioner Martin stated that he had the chance to see real history in the Department. The things that General Manager had the opportunity to do, as President Murray spoke about earlier were things that will really change what the Department was about. He also stated the changes that General Manager Goldstein has made will take time for people to see but her history will be well known in the future and he wished her well.

Commissioner Bonilla stated that she would miss the tremendous fund raising efforts of General Manager Goldstein, which the community will miss as well. She will miss her incredible work ethic that will be a real loss to the Department.

Commissioner Prozan stated that she remembered with excitement that General Manager Goldstein was coming on board with good reason. She also stated that the understanding of how much General Manager Goldstein did for the Department will not be understood until after. She wanted General Manager Goldstein to know that she really enjoyed working with her and she knew that there are a lot of people in the community that will miss her and thanked her for everything.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that having worked with General Manager Goldstein since January he had received more phone calls from people he admired and respected not only from the Department but from probably the leading environmental thinker Dick Goldman who spent a least ten minutes telling him about her attributes. He wished General Manager Goldstein well with whatever she decides to do and that everyone has benefited from having her in the Department and wished her the very best.

President Murray announced to the public that the Commission was in the process of identifying someone to help manage in the interim and identifying persons to help manage the Department over the long-term. He stated that the process may take three to five months and this Commission will work hard to make the process as short as possible. He also stated that there was a lot of local and national talent interested in the position and the Commission will reach out to the community for input on the search criteria and the identification of candidates.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade, Capital Program Manager gave an update North Beach Pool. He spoke about the offer from the bonding company to bring in LC Construction to do the work with a goal to finish the project in the same amount of time. He explained that: 1) the construction company was seeking approval to work an additional hour, 2) the bonding company will pay for all additional costs and 3) the plan was to start back-up in a couple of weeks.

Arthur Chang PROSAC Vice Chair stated concerns regarding the Capital Program Bond Accountability Report. He stated that since PROSAC did not received a copy of the report: 1) to give feedback to the Commission, 2) to endorse it and 3) to respond to the public concerns. He asked the Commission for more time to the public could participate in the process.

President Murray stated that the purpose of this report was to enable the Department to sale bonds and the reason this item was moved to a special meeting was to allow for a broader range of participation. He explained that one key thing to understand was the requirement for the issuance of the bond was to have a pool of qualifying projects. After the issuance of the bond the Commission has the authority to substitute one project for another so this was not the final determination of what the Capital Program will be.

Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to have the Capital Program Bond Accountability Report available on-line for members of PROSAC and the public to give feedback at the special meeting next week.

General Manager Goldstein introduced Ken Ruebush and Margarita Gandia from the National Aids Memorial Grove to explain to the Commission proposed project for the Aids Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park.

Margarita Gandia on behalf of the National Aids Memorial Grove Board and staff, thanked General Manager Goldstein for her much appreciated support of the Grove and that she will be missed very much.

Ms. Gandia spoke about the proposed design competition that addresses the concern for the lack of a signature statement at the Grove. She explained that if an entry fulfills the vision for the Memorial Grove then they would proceed with all the steps necessary to seek approval.

In May of 2004, the National AIDS memorial Grove will announce its upcoming open design competition for a new memorial feature. The feature will visually galvanize the Memorial's sweeping impact with one central monument of architectural and landscape significance. The call for entries will take place in August, with a December 1, 2004 submittal deadline. Judging will take place in January 2005, by a distinguished jury.

The National AIDS Memorial Grove's Board of Directors has engaged the nationally recognized design competition consultant, Reed Kroloff to lead the process. Reed most recently managed the competition for the memorial to the victims of 9/11 at the Pentagon.

The Board of Directors believes that an open competition is the best and most democratic way to further several of the organization's goals.

The design competition provides a proven opportunity for sponsorship and publicity. They are seeking financial underwriters, media sponsors, printing and publishing sponsors, and venues for public events, receptions, judging, and exhibition of entries. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the design competition would bring national and international attention to the Grove and Golden Gate Park beyond its normal reach.

General Manager Goldstein thanked the Commissioners, who have been extraordinary partners for a long time in many different capacities with a job that has been hard but incredible rewarding and could not have been done without the enormous support of the Commission. She spoke about the powerful partnership with community and whether they liked or agreed with her, their passion for the park system has been evident and extraordinarily inspiring.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Martin MacIntyre stated that the residents living within the hearing distant of Sharon Meadow hoped that the new amplified sound permit policy for Sharon Meadow would produce quiet in their homes. He asked that the Commission consider amendments to the sound policy regarding: 1) the application process, 2) loudspeaker orientation and 3) enforcement of the policy. **John Laskin** stated concern that the architectural fees for renovations for the Duboce Park – Harvey Milk Recreation Center seemed way out of line. **President Murray** addressed Mr. Laskin concerns regarding the cost of the renovations for the Duboce Park Harvey Milk Recreation Center. He explained that at Finance Committee there was discussion on the architectural fees relating to the substantial changes to the scope of project that require assistance from architects to comply with all laws and regulations passed by the Planning Commission. **Ernestine Weiss** on behalf of the thousands of residents she represents stated that amplified sound permits should not be issued for events at Justin Herman Plaza because the park was to small, the amplified sound was to loud and the residents need a stress free environment. **Andrea O'Leary** stated concern regarding the funding for Duboce Park because of this bond issue using money to pay for a consultant to reconfigure a building when there are parks that are in need was just not right.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0404-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the March 2004 meeting.

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0404-002**

SOLD TO:		
San Antonio Zoo 3903 N. Saint Mary's St. San Antonio, TX 78112 USDA # 74-C-0494	0.1 Coscoroba	$100.00
Fort Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Parkway Ft Worth, TX 76110-6640 USDA # 74-C-0085	0.0.1 Violet-necked lorikeet	$275.00
DONATION FROM:		
Steinhart Aquarium Golden Gate Park San Francisco, CA 94118	0.1 King baboon tarantula 0.2 So African rock scorpion	
PURCHASE FROM:		
International Animal Exchange, Inc 130 E Nine Mile Road Ferndale, MI 48220 USDA # 34-B-004	1.3 Greater Kudu 0.1 Reticulated Giraffe	$16,000.00 grp $38,000.00 Total Due $54,000.00 (plus shipping/insurance)
Jim Stewart, DVM 18457 Bollinger Canyon Rd. San Ramon, CA 94586 USDA # - N/A	0.4 Ostrich	$1,200 grp

RESOLVED, That this Commission does name the West Sunset Diamond Number 3 as "Grant's Field" and recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift in place valued at not more than $20,000 for the renovation of a baseball diamond. **RES. NO. 0404-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a Permit to Anmarie Currier for the Operation of a Youth Summer Tennis Camp at the Golden Gate Tennis Complex. **RES. NO. 0404-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the Harding Park LLC. (Kemper Sports Management, "Manager") to contract with California Golf/AG Spanos Tour (the "Promoter") to hold the San Francisco Open Professional Golf Tournament (the "S.F. Open") at Harding Park from May 4-6, 2004. **RES. NO. 0404-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does affirm the recommendation of the Selection Panel for a management company to operate and manage the Golden Gate Park golf course (the "Golden Gate"), and to authorize Department staff to enter into exclusive negotiations with the selected management company. **RES. NO. 0404-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Department for the playground renovation of Koret Children's Quarters in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0404-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-kind, valued at $1,500,000, for design services and construction funds from the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the playground renovation of Koret Foundation Children's Quarters in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0404-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of a construction contract in the amount of $862,000 (Base Bid – $757,000 and Alternates 5, 1and 3 $105,000) to the lowest responsive and

responsible bidder, Best Waterproofing and Roofing Inc., for the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda Roof Repair Project. **RES. NO. 0404-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve modification of the Recreation and Park contract for as-needed consultant services by Lemanski & Rockwell Architects from the original contract amount of $600,000 to the revised amount of $851,835 for the design of the renovations to the Dubose Park – Harvey Milk Recreation Center. **RES. NO. 0404-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve The San Francisco Department of Human Services (SFDHS) and Honoring Emancipated Youth (HEY)'s request to produce "Foster Care Month Recognition Event and Resource Fair" on Saturday, May 22, 2004 from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM at Justin Herman Plaza with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. **RES. NO. 0404-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Real Alternatives Program (RAP) High School's request to produce the 4th annual RAP Olympics at La Raza Park on Saturday June 12, 2004, from 12 Noon to 6:30 PM with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. **RES. NO. 0404-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve The San Francisco Theatre Foundation, Save the New Mission Theatre and a number of local residents and small business, to produce "Movie Night at Mission Dolores Park", on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 7:00 PM, with a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. **RES. NO. 0404-013**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve renaming Hoff Street Park as "Kid Power Park". **RES. NO. 0404-014**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does amend the Recreation and Park Department's amplified sound permit policy for Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0404-015**

GENERAL CALENDAR

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

Notification only of a change in the time of the regular scheduled meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. This item will be voted on at the regular scheduled meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission in May.

Commission Liaison Margaret McArthur explained that legally the Commission was required to notify the public ten days in advance of voting on changes which will be at the next Commission meeting in May.

CLOSED SESSION

John Laskin hoped that the Commission chooses the interim and next General Manager within the Department because he was opposed to an outsider. **Jerry Schimmel,** Bernal Heights resident stated support for the capital improvements at Bernal Heights Park. He also stated concern that a barrier was seriously dilapidated and ready to hurt somebody. He also stated that at a Bernal Height community meeting last night everyone who worked with General Manager Goldstein will really miss her.

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 2:50 p.m.

The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 3:11 p.m.

On motion duly made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Kumiega representing Howard Langton Community Garden stated concerns on behalf of the members of his community garden the future of their gardens because the problems with SLUG's administration. **President Murray** asked the General Manager to explain the Department's contract with SLUG. **General Manager Goldstein** explained that the Department has a money contract with SLUG that was close to being expended. **Pam Peirce,** Community Gardener in the Mission District, Dearborn Garden, Instructor of Horticulture at City College of San Francisco, Author of Golden Gate Gardening, Founder of SLUG, former Board President and Board Member Emeritus stated that though she was active in SLUG inception asked the Commission not to entrust the Community Gardens Program to SLUG in the future. **Jonathan Gomwalk**, Executive Director, thanked the Commission and Department staff for support of the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). He gave a status update on the various steps SLUG has taken to remedy the events, which led to the unfortunate temporary closure in July 2003. **President Murray** suggested that Mr. Gomwalk work closely with the community gardeners because if the Department decides to recommend SLUG to continue with the program, SLUG would not want this type of opposition.

Ann Shepherd stated opposition for the Capital Program Bond Accountability Report because a hold was put on the Rossi Playground project and the community worked extremely hard to raise funds to revitalize the playground. She also stated concern that the play structures at Rossi Playground contain arsenic. **Jeff Haig,** President of the Francisco Heights Neighborhoods Associations stated opposition for the Capital Program Bond Accountability Report because the Rossi Playground project was put on hold. He also stated the project did not meet the criteria because the project has already begun and services committed. He further stated that the community has raised funds with the understanding funds were committed to this project from the Department and Neighborhood Parks Council. **Wendy Miller** representing Rossi Playground stated oppositions for the Capital Program Bond Accountability Report because the Rossi Playground project was put on hold. She also stated concerns for the members of the community who raised funds for this project and the health of children who play on the structures containing arsenic. **Martin MacIntyre** stated concerns regarding the number of desirable projects for children that the Department put on hold while not collecting a fraction of fees required by the code for special adult type of events at Golden Gate Park. **Commissioner Guggenhime** requested that Mr. MacIntyre's concern be addressed with a written opinion from the City Attorney's office interpreting whether the event was a commercial or non-commercial because there could be revenue for the Department. **President Murray** requested that the City Attorney provide a written statement addressing Mr. MacIntryre's concerns at the May Commission meeting. **Elliott Katz,** DVM, President of In Defense of Animals stated concerns regarding the death of Calle from joint and foot problems which will plague the remaining elephants by keeping them at the San Francisco Zoo. He spoke about offers from two elephant sanctuaries to take the remaining elephants immediately at no charge which was the Commission responsibility so the remaining elephants have the space and expertise to heal their painful degenerative conditions. **Commissioner Bonilla** stated that at the last meeting of the Joint Zoo Committee there was extensive discussion on the health of the elephant at the San Francisco Zoo and at the next meeting of the Joint Zoo Committee on May 5th the new Zoo Director will make recommendations for the remaining elephants where the public will have the opportunity to give input on those recommendations. She also stated that she sees openness from the Zoo to look at all the options and legal questions in terms of moving the elephants before making a decision, which was eminent. **Steven Currier** expressed his gratitude and sadness for General Manager Goldstein because she was leaving the Department and that the community will truly miss working with her for everything she has done for Crocker Amazon Park. He further stated that his heart went out to her for her work to transfer the Geneva Office Building from Muni to Recreation and Park Department and asked her to keep this project in her prayers. **Donald Bird** stated that when Mayor Willie Brown announced Elizabeth Goldstein as the new General Manager of the Department he stood up and applauded. He also stated his appreciation for her as General Manager providing community involvement and input in

so many determinations, the strategic planning was so absolutely necessary for the entire Department and the City, the dog policy, the capital improvement process, the needs assessment, parks advocates have never been so empowered. He further stated that Elizabeth Goldstein was the best thing that ever happened to the Recreation and Park Department. He thanked her and wished her the best. **Mr. Bird** stated a concern about a San Francisco citizen that has been taking pictures of elected officials, city employees and park advocates manipulating the pictures for intimidation and character assassination. He requested that the City Attorney look into stay away orders for this person because members of the the dog advisory committee had to be escorted to their cars. **Brian O'Flynn** representing Preserve Our Parks gave a brief status report on a fraction of the open space bond fund, which was 701 Lombard, eminent domain. He stated that on the basis of great community support he was putting the 701 Lombard issue and eminent domain on the ballot in November via a voter initiative. **William Wilson** representing Sunnyside Park stated opposition for the Capital Program Accountability Report because he was frustrated that the Sunnyside Park project was continuously put on hold. **Mary Helen Briscoe** representing PROSF thanked the Commission and staff for involving the concerned neighbors in the process to give their input on the new sound policy for Sharon Meadow. **John Laskin** stated it was his opinion that there should be a separate Commission for the Zoo. He commended General Manager Goldstein for using volunteers in the Natural Area Program and thanked her for what she has done for Harding Park. **Amy Dawson,** Director the Randall Museum thanked the Commission for postponing the decision on the proposed license with the Randall Museum Friends. She recommended one or two public meetings before the Parks and Planning Committee meeting because the agreement was complex and the public could express concerns and give input. **Kevin Boden** believed there was a sense of double-handedness that has permeated the public regarding the agreement with the Randall Museum Friends. He also stated concern that: 1) the Department supported privatization and 2) the Department meet their obligation to give the full exposure of the public light on this issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned 4:08 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharie Canja for Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Christopher Newsom, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, May 20, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 2:07 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Gordon Chin

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President Murray announced that Agenda Item 5, Friends of Randall Museum has been removed from the calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray stated that on April 15th the Commission voted not to disclose the action taken in closed session. Pursuant to the Sunshine Ordinance once the process has been completed the Commission was required to report that action. He reported that the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that Yomi Agunbiade be appointed by the Mayor as acting General Manager. He welcomed Yomi Agunbiade and appreciated him stepping in and for his hard work so far. **President Murray** thanked staff for their continued hard work on another difficult budget year.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade, General Manager updated the Commission on legislative matters: 1) Budget Committee discussed increasing youth programs, 2) budget meetings, 3) the Department's budget and 4) City Services Committee discussed the current zoo issues. **Commissioner Lazarus** explained the approval process to move the remaining elephants but the biggest issue was to acclimating them in their new environment. **Commissioner Bonilla** stressed that moving the remaining elephants involved a very serious process that could be life threatening. **Dan Mauer** updated the Commission on the bond oversight committee meetings with PROSAC.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting **RES. NO. 0405-001**
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Forest Assessment and Management Recommendations for Stern Grove and Pine Lake Parks. **RES. NO. 0405-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a professional services contract in an amount, not to exceed, $280,000 to Carey and Company, Inc., for Phase IIA of the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda Buildings, Lagoon, and Grounds Restoration Project. **RES. NO. 0405-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place valued at approximately $12,000,000 from the Stern Grove Festival Association to fund construction of the Concert Meadow renovation in Sigmund Stern Grove. **RES. NO. 0405-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Stern Grove Festival Association and the Department for the construction of the Concert Meadow renovation in Sigmund Stern Grove. **RES. NO. 0405-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the resolution to submit three grants applications to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, 2004 Land Water Conservation Fund Program in order to fund the conceptual plans as approved by the Commission for 24th Street/York Mini Park, Bernal Heights Open Space Improvement and La Raza/Potrero Del Sol Park Improvements and Skate Park. **RES. NO. 0405-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does change the time of the regular scheduled meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. **RES. NO. 0405-007**

GENERAL CALENDAR

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

The Commission had a discussion on the creation of a subcommittee of the Commission for the oversight of the Capital Program and to address the identified funding gap. The Commission asked staff for additional information for further discussion and possible vote at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marianne Gabel with the Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) discussed NPC's concerns with the license agreement with Friends of Randall Museum. **Spike Kahn** stated concerns regarding the proposed partnership with the Friends of Randall specifically jobs going out to private organizations. **David Pilpel** stated that he came to the meeting to speak on the Randall Museum item, which was removed from calendar. He stated that according to the Sunshine Ordinance the Commission was required to listen to public testimony on that item. He spoke of requirements under the Sunshine Ordinance, Section 12 (l) disclosing financial information, holding public meetings and taking public comment at Friends of Randall Board meetings. **Peter Fatooh** discussed his concerns about the field at Margaret Hayward and problems within the department. The Commission directed Mike Morlin to give Mr. Fatooh the contact phone number for staff incase he has continued problems. **Reola Freeman** discussed her concerns regarding the First Tee program. **Roger Gordon**, President of SLUG, introduced the new Executive Director, **Cletis Young. Mr. Young** gave an update on Brooks Park and stated that SLUG will finish ahead of schedule. **Mr. Gordon** gave an update on the reorganization. **Amy Dawson** discussed the License agreement with the Randall Museum Friends.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:39 p.m. The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 3:46 p.m.

On motion made by **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: **RESOLVED,** That this Commission finds it in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations.

COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus asked about the dry grass areas along Sunset Boulevard. **Yomi Agunbiade** stated that this was under DPW's jurisdiction. **Commissioner Lazarus** also asked staff to try to change the date of the joint zoo meetings. **Commissioner Murray** asked the City Attorney to address David Pipel's concerns and Commissioner Martin requested information on the Friends of Randall and city jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned 3:46 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Christopher Newsom, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, June 17, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 15, 2004 at 2:07 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL

Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Richard Guggenhime
Rebecca Prozan

Absent:
Jim Lazarus
Larry martin

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President Murray announced that Agenda Item 5, Washington Square was removed from calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade, acting General Manager gave a brief update on the work being done at Candlestick, spoke about the budget process and naming rights. Michael Frank gave a detailed update to the Commission on the budget.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the April 2004 special meeting and the May 2004 meeting .

RES. NO. 0406-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema's request to produce three free "Outdoor Cinema Nights" at the following parks: 1) August 20, 2004 Holly Park (east slope), 2) August 27, 2004 Bernal Playground (outdoors), 3) September 3, 2004 Precita Park (east end) and 4) a request to modify the Amplified Sound Policy and permit amplified sound from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for each of the event sites. **RES. NO. 0406-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a License with the San Francisco Heritage Football Classic for the4 use of Candlestick Park for the purpose of exhibiting, or causing to the exhibition of, the San Francisco Heritage Football Classic collegiate game and Battle of the Bands. **RES. NO. 0406-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve exceeding the San Francisco Zoo Quarantine and Holding base contact amount by 22.6%, to a maximum price of $2,656,203 and extending the contract duration by an additional 55%, to a maximum duration of 334 calendar days. **RES. NO. 0406-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift-in-place, valued at up to $985,000 from the Friends of Alta Plaza Park for the renovation of the playground and the tennis courts resurfacing at Alta Plaza Park. **RES. NO. 0406-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new revocable permit and rental rate increase for Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School for the use of the Silver Tree Building in Glen Canyon. **RES. NO. 0406-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift-in-pace valued at $28,000 for athletic court improvements at Julius Kahn Playground. **RES. NO. 0406-007**

GENERAL CALENDAR

Fay Park Plaque Proposal

Claire McGhee was the long-time President of the Russian Hill Neighbors. She strongly advocated for the acquisition of the Fay Park site, and for the preservation of the garden as a public park. Ms. McGhee passed away last year. Friends of Claire McGhee want to install a plaque in the park in memory of her contributions to the community. The proposed plaque wording is:

"Claire McGhee
September 19, 1943 – June 14, 2003

She helped transform this neighborhood from one of charm and potential to one of community and activism. In doing so, she brought us this lovely garden.

Friends of Fay Park
Steering Committee Founding Member

Russian Hill Neighbors
President 1988 – 2000"

All costs would be donated by the Friends of Claire McGhee.

Marilyn Castle stated that she felt it would be inappropriate to install plaques for every generous San Franciscian who generously donated to the parks. She believed this should be done through the memorial bench program. **Lucretia Rauh** stated that to place a plaque in Fay Park would set precedent for future parks, and different from any other park in San Francisco. She believed that Ms. McGhee's efforts should be recognized but believed that Ms. McGhee would not have done anything to jeopardize the historic integrity of Fay Park. **Joyce Frankenberg** presented the ongoing preservation efforts for Fay Park. She stated that Ms. McGhee's efforts were not just for Fay Park and recommended that a plaque for Claire be placed somewhere other that Fay Park. **Francisco Centurion** stated that they were asking only for a small plaque in her honor as they believed that she was one of the leaders in the community whose energy and interest brought Fay Park to all the residents of San Francisco. He stated that she was not only interested in parks but interested in neighborhoods and believed this was the proper place to honor her. **Robert McGhee,** Claire's brother, stated that Claire was instrumental in making the park public. The family supported this item, funded the plaque and were asked if they would consider some other park named in her honor. The family did not believe this is what she wished. **Penelope Clark** stated that she had received approving a plaque was premature as there was no policy in place and believed that the size of the plaque and placing it on the south side of the house was inappropriate. She stated that she would like to see Ms. McGhee honored for all her efforts in the neighborhood but believed that it should follow guidelines for the park and in an appropriate manner and place. **Ernestine Weiss** supported this item and believed she deserved this plaque. **Jonee Levy** stated that Claire was central to getting the garden but believed that it was premature to put a plaque up. She believed that there should be a policy before putting a plaque in the park. **Lana Scott** stated that she felt Claire should be honored. She believed that if a memorial plaque was to be placed in Fay Park it should be for Mary Fay Berrigan who donated the property. She believed it was

premature to place a plaque in a park that was not yet open to the public. **Ann Funston** suggested that there be one plaque with all the names that have done things for Fay Park. **Tim Covington** stated that Claire McGhee mobilized the neighborhood spending countless hours to make sure the park went to RPD. He stated that he could not understand how a 9 x 12 plaque could effect the historical nature of the park and believed it would be much less than a bench inserted in the park. She was a special person and was too instrumental in obtaining the park, and a fabulous activist for the neighborhood.

On motion of **Commissioner Prozan**, duly seconded the following motion was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does refer this item back to the Parks and Planning Committee and requested additional information. **RES. NO. 0406-008**

Aye: Murray, Chin, Guggenhime, Prozan
No: Bonilla

Golden Gate Park Golf Course

On April 15, 2004 the Recreation and Park Commission authorized staff to begin negotiations with Global Golf Management, LLC (the "GGM") on an agreement for the management and operation of Golden Gate Park golf course. Ongoing sessions have been held with the company's principal partners, Wayne Kauppi and Bruce Olson. Staff and GGM have reached the following terms, pending approval by the Recreation and Park Commission:

In exchange for the operation and management of golf operations, excluding course maintenance, GGM will receive a fixed annual fee or $300,000, paid in monthly installments of $25,000. Manager will be responsible for all operating expenses, including wholesale purchases of food and beverage items and merchandise for resale and all staff salaries.

In addition to the management fee, GGM may earn incentives from the following revenue streams if the annual totals exceed the proposed budget figures presented to the Department annually before each contract year:
Food and Beverage – 80%
Merchandise and Equipment sales – 80%
Green Fees – 10%
Practice/Driving Cage – 20%
Club and pull cart rentals – 5%
Note: The incentive percentages for the food and beverage and merchandise categories are considerably higher due to the fact that GGM will purchase and maintain all inventories throughout the life of the contract. The incentives in these categories will be used by GGM to assure inventory levels will meet demand.
The Department will, over a five (5) year period, assume ownership of the 9-station driving cage designed, installed and paid for by GGM during their temporary status as interim manager. Staff and GGM have negotiated a buy out for this important addition to the golf course at a figure of $65,461.54. This figure represents the portions of the structure with a lifespan of 39 years. Other replaceable elements to the structure have been/will be replaced by GGM until fully owned by the City. The total initial cost of design and installation two years ago was $88,500.00. In consideration of the current budget crisis and demands on the Golf Fund, GGM has agreed to delay the start of reimbursement payments to the second year of the agreement.

In addition to hiring, training and paying all personnel at the course, managing the day to day golf operations and planning and conducting tournaments, GGM has agreed to expand the current food and beverage operation and create a new practice area in connection with the 9-station driving cage from their incentive profits.
Although GGM will retain all lesson revenue, they have pledged 15% of the profits toward ongoing marketing of the instruction programs and the golf course in general.

An analysis of a twelve (12) month period using actual revenue figures (February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004) compared to the estimated figures from the first year of the proposed agreement. The Department received $522,050 in the sample period and will receive an estimated $626,259 with the new agreement during the first year of operations. This amounts to an annual increase of $104,209, or 20%. During the years of their temporary management of Golden Gate Park golf course, GGM has met or exceeded budgeted figures for green fees and other major revenue streams. Staff feels they have conservatively planned for continuing this pattern in the future. Staff recommended approval of the proposed seven (7) year management agreement with Global Golf Management.

On motion of **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following motion adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new seven (7) year agreement with Global Golf Management for the management and operation of Golden Gate Park Golf Course. **RES.NO. 0406-009**

San Francisco First Tee
Since the inception of the renovation project at the Harding Park, it has been the City's intent to include a First Tee program on the property. The First Tee program is a nationally proven youth golf program that teaches the game and values of golf, to youth of all races and economic backgrounds. Because the First Tee program is funded through charitable contributions and major funding from the USGA and the PGA Tour, the City will realize the benefits of a proven youth golf program at little or no cost to the City. The local First Tee Chapter has already funded the renovation of a practice range at the Harding Park, and through its affiliation with the national First Tee program, the project has realized substantial discounts on some of the materials and equipment used at the facility. Although the First Tee of San Francisco will be based out of the Harding Park facility, the program may utilize all of the department's courses.

The City's contract with Kemper Sports Management – Harding Park, LLC ("KSM"), to manage and operate Harding Park and Fleming golf courses dated April 1, 2003 (approved by Commission Resolution #0304-009) requires Kemper to enter into an agreement with the First Tee of San Francisco to perform certain services related to the operation and maintenance of the First Tee facilities and programs at the First Tee's cost. The agreement between KSM Management and the San Francisco First Tee is subject to the Commission's prior review and approval.

On motion of **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an agreement between Kemper Sports Management and the San Francisco First Tee dba The First Tee of San Francisco, to operate a First Tee program and maintain the First Tee facilities at the Harding Park Golf Complex. **RES.NO 0406-010**

Recreation and Park Commission
This item was heard at the May meeting of the Commission. At that time the Commission requested additional information. After discussion, **President Murray** suggested that there be one committee that handled all capital and one committee that handled operations.

On motion of **Commissioner Prozan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does change the committees of the Recreation and Park Commission and have one committee for all capital program items and one committee that will have all items to deal with operations and no longer have either Finance and Administration or Parks and Planning. **RES. NO. 0406-011**

Joint Zoo Committee Meetings

This item was for notification only to change the day of the regular scheduled meeting of the Joint Zoo Committee from the first Wednesday of every month to the first Thursday of every month, 5:00 p.m. at the Lurie Education Center located in the San Francisco Zoo. This item will be voted on at the regular scheduled meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission July 2004.

Recreation and Park Commission

This item was on calendar as there was a request by a member of the public for a privileged and confidential document from the City Attorney. **Martin MacIntyre** spoke in favor of releasing the document. **Doerte Murray** also spoke in favor of releasing the document and suggested that the Park Code 12.22 needed to be reworked.

On motion of **Commissioner Bonilla** and duly seconded the following motion was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the release of the document. **RES. NO. 0406-012**

Public Comment
Bob O'Brien advocate for animals spoke about a giraffe that died in 2001 in transport from San Francisco Zoo to Cincinnati Zoo and his belief that the transport company was responsible. **Ernestine Weiss** requested information on the installation of a plaque at Ferry Park and volleyball players at Ferry Park without permits. **Reola Freeman** thanked **Yomi Agunbiade** and **Commissioner Murray** for all of their efforts with First Tee. **Richard Fong** spoke about having elephants at the zoo.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned 3:46 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2004

The regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 15, 2001 at 2:05 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

President Murray announced that the Commission would hear the items in the following order: 1,2,3,4,6,7,16,16a,16b,16c,14,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,17 – 22.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus

Absent:
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Murray expressed his thanks to the staff for all of their hard work on the budget. He also welcomed Supervisor Hall.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- During the second week of June, staff at the Conservatory of Flowers hosted a tour of visiting officials form Hungary.
- In partnership with the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works and the Department of the Environment, staff hosted an Environmental Sustainability Festival. The Festival was held at the Zoo's Community Room and included educational lectures, exhibits, games for kids, music and refreshments. Each Department was able to showcase sustainable practices and programs.
- The Department's IPM program was awarded two grants by the Department of the Environment. The first grant valued at $1,800 will support the Department's use of Compost Tea and the second grant valued at $1,405 will develop a pilot project to manage ground squirrel infestations at Sharp Park Golf Course.
- The General Manager accepted the following gift on behalf of the Department:
  From Mr. Robert J. Spjut and Ms. Jacqueline Valentine, a donation of $8,000 to supplement the $28,000 donation from the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association to fund the installation of an ornamental fence in the play area.
- Bill Carlin, representing the Park Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee submitted the written report for the record. (Attached)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Lazarus requested that item number 4E be removed from the consent calendar and sent back to the Joint Zoo Committee.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the June 2004 meeting.
RES. NO. 0407-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0407-002**

Donation From
Jake Niebaum **0.0.3 Pacu**
PO Box 122
El Granada, CA 94018
USDA – N/A

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the Harding Park Clubhouse - Phase II Project and allow the Acting General Manager to proceed in an expeditious manner per Administration Code Section 6.23c to accomplish this work by negotiating a contract that is the same scope of work as advertised at a price that is within the project budget. **RES. NO. 0407-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend a gift in the amount of $17,000 from Syzygy Foundation for Helen Wills. **RES. NO. 0407-004**

GENERAL CALENDAR

HARDING CLUB HOUSE -AWARD OF CONTRACT
NCCI, Inc. submitted the only formal bid on 6/23/04. NCCI Inc.'s base bid of $4,752,000 was $952,000 over the construction budget of $3,800,000. Section 6.23c of the San Francisco Administration Code allows for negotiation of a reduced bid by the Acting General Manager with rejection of formal bids. A reduced bid has been negotiated with NCCI, Inc., Nibbi Brothers Construction, Inc., or Icenogle/IMR Joint Venture for the base bid and alternates 1 (Air Conditioning) and 2(Zinc Roof) for an amount not to exceed $4,000,000. Staff requested that this contract be awarded to Incenogle/IMR Joint Venture in the amount of $3,924,168.

Sandy Tatum spoke in support of this item and how this particular project is important to the City of San Francisco.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract for the Harding Park Clubhouse - Phase II Project to Icenogle/IMR Joint Venture in an amount not to exceed $3,924,168.
RES. NO. 0407-005

HARDING CLUB HOUSE – NAMING
This item was presented by Acting General Manager **Yomi Agunbiade.** After the successful reopening of the Harding Golf Course to rave reviews in August 2003, the Department focused on the last critical piece of an ambitious renovation plan which would return Harding Golf Course to its former glory. The construction of a state of the art clubhouse was both a necessary part of bringing Harding Golf Course to the level of other great municipal courses around the country and a requirement of the Department's tournament agreement with the PGA.

Staff worked with the Department of Public Works, the PGA, Kemper Sports, the First Tee Program and Mr. Sandy Tatum to develop a building program that would meet the needs of local golfers and tournaments such as the recently announced World Golf Championship Circuit, American Express Championship Tournament., The program and budget of $8 million was presented to former Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. in November of 2003. Mayor Brown immediately identified the potential to deliver the project as a public-private partnership. The project team set an ambitious private philanthropic goal of $4.5 million including Mr. Tatum's commitment of at least $900,000 from the First Tee program.

Mayor Brown's support of the project was clear from the first presentation of the building program and conceptual plan drawings. Through Mayor Brown's efforts we were able to secure pro-bono cost estimating and value engineering services from Don Todd & Associates and URS Corporation respectively. In addition, Mayor Brown was instrumental in securing a generous commitment of $2 million form Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwab. The commitment was provided with a condition requiring that we name the clubhouse the "Sandy Tatum Clubhouse" in recognition of Mr. Tatum's long term dedication and vision in leading the effort to restore Harding Golf Course to PGA championship levels. Mr. Tatum's efforts on this project are well documented. The include: actively campaigning to make the renovation project a reality, spearheading a citizen's group in support of the project, and personally meeting with every member of the Board of Supervisors. Moreover, Mr. Tatum introduced the City and Harding Golf Course to the PGA Tour who not only provided pro bono design services, but also philanthropic support to fund the new clubhouse. In addition, his commitment to making the game of golf both affordable and accessible, in conjunction with the renovation project, Mr. Tatum established the San Francisco Chapter of the First Tee, a proven successful golf program for youth. It is the recommendation of the Department that the Commission accept the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Schwab's funding commitment to name the new clubhouse at Harding Golf Course the "Sandy Tatum Clubhouse".

Commissioner Guggenhime spoke eloquently about Mr. Tatum and all the work he as done to guarantee that the Harding Golf Course project happen. Supervisor Hall spoke about the process, how they worked together to make Harding happen and how this project would be of great economic value to the City of San Francisco. He thanked Sandy Tatum. He also thanked Sean Elsbernd and Olivia Seanlon for all of their hard work on this project. Mr. Tatum thanked Supervisor Hall and everyone for all of their work. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the honor of having the clubhouse named after him.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the naming of the clubhouse at Harding Golf Course the "Frank D. Tatum Clubhouse" or "Sandy Tatum Clubhouse". **RES. NO. 0407-006**

EDGEHILL PARK

Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager presented this item. He gave a brief history and then explained that Spiers Construction was willing to convey the Edgehill Property to the City in exchange for property on Gough Street. The Gough Street Property is a City-owned parcel located at the corner of Gough and Grove Streets (Block 0808, Lot 36). The Gough Property is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works, which must use the proceeds from the sale of the Gough Property for transportation purposes. The proposed Amended and Restated Property Exchange Agreement amends and restate the Original Agreement in its entirety, and thereby supersedes and replaces the Original Agreement. The City wishes to sell and convey the Gough Property to Spiers construction. Spiers Construction wishes to acquire the Gough Property, in exchange for Spiers Construction selling and conveying the Edgehill Property to the City and the City's acquiring the Edgehill Property on the terms and conditions set forth in the new Agreement.

Supervisor Hall thanked the Commission for hearing this item. He stated that the developers had been extremely patient throughout the last few years The City could benefit from this in that a large number of affordable houses/homes would be built in the Civic Center. He felt it was one of the most important housing projects in front of the City today. **Andrea O'Leary** spoke on behalf of Joan Kingery she was

supporting this item. **Marcie Deluce**, Friend of Portola Park, spoke of their partnership with DPW on working in Portola Park and she was supportive of this item. **Supervisor Dufty** thanked the neighbors who helped work this issue out. He also stated that 13 of the 16 members of the PROSAC, how appreciative he was that they were able to support this item and that he had made a commitment to do everything possible to find funds so that it would not have to come out of the open space funds. He asked the Commission to support this item. **Joe Acosta** stated that he was supportive of this item and that they were working on cleaning Portola Park. **Joe Story** stated that he was supportive of this item and that they neighbors were very proactive in wanting to pursue the Portola property. **Arnold Levine** stated he was in support of this item and especially in memory of Joan Kingery who worked hard to make this happen. **Bill Carlin** stated that PROSAC endorsed the land swap but the committee requested that the initial $1 million comes from the Open Space Funds but the other $2.2 million come from private funds. Supervisor Dufty has committed himself to working to that end. **Tim Colen,** President of the Edgehill Way Association, stated that they strongly support the item. He complimented Spiers Construction for all of their efforts to make this happen. Greg King stated that he also supported this item. He believed this was a win –win proposal.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does:1) recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve an amended and restated Property Exchange Agreement substituting City property located at the corner of Portola Drive and Burnett Avenue (Block 2870, Lot 48) for City property located at the corner of Gough and Grove Streets (Block 0808, Lot 36) in consideration for the conveyance to City of an option to purchase private property (Block 2934, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 and 21 and Block 2923, Lots 72 and 73), adjacent to Edgehill Mountain Park located at Ulloa Street and Kensington Way; 2) adopt findings that the amended and restated Property Exchange Agreement is categorically exempt from environmental review and is consistent with the City's General Plan and Eight Priority Policies of City Planning Code Section 101.1; and 3) authorize the expenditure of Open Space Acquisition Funds of approximately $3.2 million for the purchase of the private property adjacent to Edgehill Mountain Park for open space.)

RES. NO. 0407-007

19 "ON HOLD" CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

In May of this year, facing a forecasted $56 million shortfall in its Capital Program, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted a plan to put 19 active capital improvement projects "on-hold" pending the identification of additional funding. The 19 projects are listed above. Following this action, the Recreation and Park Commission directed staff to conduct public outreach meetings to inform the communities of the 19 "on-hold" projects of the Department's efforts to identify additional funding and to gain public buy-in on a process to prioritize projects to be moved forward as funding is identified.

In June, Capital Division staff began working with a task force assembled by the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) to develop a criteria system by which projects could be evaluated on their merit in relation to one another. The criteria evaluation model proposed was developed using a composite of two existing models, one being an accepted industry standard and the other a process used successfully for a capital program of similar size and complexity. These reference models came from the San Francisco Unified School District Bond Program and a published reference document entitled, "Capital Improvement Programs; Linking Budgeting and Planning" which is distributed through the American Planning Association.

Two public meetings were held on July 7 and 8 to collect community input on the proposed evaluation criteria and to explain the process that would be used to rank projects moving forward. Staff collected comments at the meetings and incorporated them into a final document consisting of 6 project evaluation criteria, each with a series of value questions that would be used to evaluate each project's responsiveness to the criteria, and 3 funding criteria to be used in the decision making process for allocating funds as they become available.

Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects

The process for evaluating the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects and selecting which of those projects will receive funding as it becomes available is broken into a two step process.

Step One (Project Prioritization) evaluates each project (scope pre-determined) to determine their merit and priority in relation to one another. The system uses 6 primary evaluation criteria, each with a series of value questions that would be used to evaluate each project's responsiveness to the criteria. The six criteria are:

- Risk to Public Safety or Health
- Protection and Conservation of our Natural and Built Resources
- Improve Operating Efficiency and/or Generate New Revenue Sources
- Coordination
- Equitable Provision of Services, Facilities
- New or Substantially Expanded Facilities

Step Two (Funding Strategy) guides the decision making process for selecting projects to move forward in relation to the amount of funding available. The goal is to determine the most efficient and effective use of resources as they become available within the established project priorities. Once all projects have been prioritized through step one of the process, then the funding criteria will be reviewed against the project priority list (starting from top down) and funds will be allocated to the most appropriate project using the criteria below:

- The entire project can be completed with the available funds; (priority will be given to those that will obtain a minimum of 35% of the total project costs through either grants or gifts).
- The project can be efficiently phased, and a portion of the project can be completed using the available funds.
- The project furthers the goal of distributing capital improvements across all San Francisco neighborhoods.

Project Weighting System
In order to develop a ranked list of projects based upon the adopted criteria, Capital Division staff has developed a numerical ranking system. The system works by assigning a weight to each of the six criteria based on its perceived importance to the department and to the community.

The project weighting system allows for a very systematic approach of evaluating and grading each project by utilizing a consistent process for determining merit. The system works in the following way:
First each individual value question is assigned a point score. Maximum scores for each value question were set by staff based on their professional judgment, as well as community input collected at the 2 public meetings, as to the relative importance of the specific condition being measured. A project would earn points for each value question to which the response is found to be true: earning the maximum points available if it is determined that the statement is "very much" true, or half the available points if the statement was found to be "somewhat" true. No points would be earned for statements that were found to be false or not applicable.

The compiled points earned by a series of common value questions will in turn provide a point score for each of the six primary criteria.

The points earned by the six primary criteria would then be compiled to give the project a final score
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The final step is to compile composite scores for all evaluated projects and rank them in order, with the project earning the highest score being considered to be of greatest priority and the lowest being of lowest priority.

With this action the Recreation and Park Commission is being asked to adopt the criteria to be used for evaluating the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects. This includes both the 6 primary evaluation criteria and the corresponding value questions to be used to weight the relative merit of each project, and the three funding criteria that will be used to select projects to receive funding as it becomes available. The Commission is also being asked to adopt the proposed weighting system for evaluating the 19 "on-hold" projects using the criteria to determine priority. The proposed system, as described above, is a numerical

weighting system to be used to score and rank projects in order of priority based on the adopted evaluation criteria.

Yomi Agunbiade explained to the Commission that the reason the item was being brought before them today was because the Board of Supervisors had allocated in the budget, $2 million from the Open Space Fund for a $21 million revenue bond. The Board had asked the Department to adopt criteria for the capital projects and that the Department report back to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors by July 2, 2004.

Deputy City Attorney Virginia dario Elizondo read into the record the following language:
The Recreation and Park Department shall present a report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the proposed uses of the potential revenue bond using these criteria by July 20, 2004.

Arnold Levine believed the criteria was rushed, **John Paul** stated that his concern was that the criteria did not seen to take into account that facilities that have been used by the community in the close proximity are completely eliminated from use, **Richard Magary** stated concerns about the process and that the public had not had time to absorb it, **Andrea O'Leary** stated that she was happy with the criteria and hoped that this type of thing would move forward and apply to all projects, **Emeric Kalman** stated that he would like to see the previous criteria for capital improvement projects and asked the definition of a capital improvement project and thought it was confusing, **Alfredo Pederosa** stated that this was a very difficult process with a very short timeframe and he thanked the staff for all of the work they had done to bring the criteria and weighting system to the commission. He believed it was a solid system in place to evaluate projects and hoped that it would be used to evaluate the rest of the program. **John Laskin** stated that he did not want to see a lot of public meetings and hoped that the general manager would take responsibility for the projects to get done.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve (1) the criteria for evaluating the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects, listed below in alphabetical order, and (2) the system to be used to prioritize them in relation to one another as recommended by staff through input of the PROSAC Taskforce. The 19 projects are: Buena Vista Park Landscape, Fay Park - garden, Hamilton Playground, Recreation Center and Pool, Junipero Serra Playground and Clubhouse, Lake Merced Master Plan, Lake Merced Overlook and Trail, Lincoln Park Master Plan, Lincoln Playground, Midtown Terrace Reservoir Top, Moscone Recreation Center, Potrero Hill Playground, Rolph Park Playground and Clubhouse, Rossi Playground, Rossi Playground - Edwards St. Annex, South Sunset Playground, St. Mary's Playground, Sunnyside Conservatory, Sunnyside Playground and Clubhouse and Visitacion Valley Greenway- Sr. Park.

RES. NO. 0407-008

ALLOCATION OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS
In the year 2000 the Recreation and Park Department issued its first Capital Improvement Plan. Based on a Recreation Facility and Park Needs Assessment performed in 1998-99, the 10-year plan laid out a schedule to address deficiencies at approximately 440 facilities at an estimated cost of $400 million dollars.
The 2000 Capital plan envisioned funding sources for the 10-year, $400 million program budget to be:

- $110 million in general obligation bonds,
- $120 million in Open Space funds,
- $100 million in State and Federal grants,
- $40 million in philanthropic gifts, and
- $30 million in revenue bonds.
- Currently in year 4 of the program, $218 million has been secured or pledged to-date from the following sources:
- $110 million in general obligation bonds,
- $53 million in Open Space funds,
- $30 million in secured State and Federal grants,
- $2.5 million in secured philanthropic gifts,
- $22.5 million from other sources.

And an additional $46 million in pledged gifts and future grants has been identified.
The final component of the original Capital Program budget that has yet to be pursued is that of a revenue bond.

In May of this year, facing a forecasted $56 million shortfall in its Capital Program, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted a plan to put 19 active capital improvement projects "on-hold" pending the identification of additional funding. The 19 projects are as follows:

- Buena Vista Park Landscape,
- Fay Park - garden,
- Hamilton Playground, Recreation Center and Pool,
- Junipero Serra Playground and Clubhouse,
- Lake Merced Master Plan,
- Lake Merced Overlook and Trail,
- Lincoln Park Master Plan,
- Lincoln Playground,
- Midtown Terrace Reservoir Top,
- Moscone Recreation Center,
- Potrero Hill Playground,
- Rolph Park Playground and Clubhouse,
- Rossi Playground,
- Rossi Playground - Edwards St. Annex,
- South Sunset Playground,
- St. Mary's Playground,
- Sunnyside Conservatory,
- Sunnyside Playground and Clubhouse, and
- Visitacion Valley Greenway- Sr. Park.

In its effort to secure funding to move these projects forward, the Capital Division has been aggressively seeking alternative funding sources for the projects.

In coordination with the Mayor's Office, the Recreation and Park Department General Manager had developed a plan that enables the Recreation & Parks Department to secure a revenue bond with an estimated value of $20 million to be used to fund neighborhood park improvements. The Recreation and Park Commission is being asked to authorize the use of $2 million annually from the Open Space Fund to secure such a bond.

The proposed revenue bond will be used to fund projects that are found to be a priority based on the Commission adopted evaluation criteria *(per item 16a)*. For the purpose of this revenue bond, the following criteria will be used, in conjunction with the Commission adopted criteria, to select projects to receive funding:

- Projects programmed but currently placed on hold,
- Projects in neighborhoods underserved by open space,
- Projects for the repair and renovation of facilities that currently pose a risk to public safety,
- Projects which have a potential to lose grants or community funds if delayed, and
- Projects which distribute capital improvements across all San Francisco Neighborhoods.

In the event that the Commission approves this item, staff will return to the Commission for approval of a prioritized list of the 19 "on-hold" capital projects based on the adopted evaluation criteria and ranking system, along with a proposed plan to use the revenue bond based on that list.

The Recreation and Park Department General Manager, along with Capital Improvement Division staff recommend that the Commission adopted the plan to use Open Space funds to leverage the sale of $20 million in revenue bonds to fund neighborhood park improvements for the following reasons, 1) the plan to

use revenue bonds to fund the capital program was clearly envisioned at the time of the program adoption in 2000, and 2) a revenue bond at this time will allow many of the projects currently "on-hold" to move forward.

Judson True, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sandoval, stated that he wanted to briefly speak on the item as it had come out of the budget process this year, as an effort to solve the projects put on hold and to address a few other concerns. He thanked the staff and the Commissioners for their hard work. He also read into the record the following language:

Section 29. Recreation and Park Department Capital Project
The Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of $2 million from the Open Space Fund to secure a revenue bond of an estimated value of $20 million to be used to fund neighborhood improvements. The Board urges the Recreation and Park Commission to develop and adopt prioritization criteria for park projects. These criteria should prioritize the following:

- Projects programmed but currently placed on hold for lack of funding;
- Projects in neighborhoods underserved by open space;
- Projects for the repair and renovation of facilities that pose a risk to public safety;
- Projects which may lose grants or community funds if delayed;
- Projects which distribute capital improvements across all San Francisco neighborhoods;

The Recreation and Park Department shall present a report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the proposed uses of the potential revenue bond using these criteria by July 20, 2004.
He stated that the budget would be voted on at the Board on July 20 and July 27.

Arnold Levine asked who would be overseeing the $20 million, **Helen Johnson** thanked the staff for moving ahead and stated that there was never the expectation that the $200 million would take care of all the projects, **Richard Magary** thanked the staff and Commissioners and asked for accountability in tracking this money, **John Laskin** thought the $2 million would come from revenues from fees increased on the users of the parks and now understood that it was coming out of the Open Space Funds, **Andrea O'Leary** stated that there had not been good oversight in the past and wanted to make sure that there was oversight in the future, **Alfredo Pedrosa** stated that he was happy that the money was found to fund the unfunded projects and agreed that there needed to be oversight.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they appropriated f $2 million per year for the life of the bond from the Open Space Fund to secure the issuance of a revenue bond with an estimated value of $20 million dollars to be used for the rehabilitation of parks and playgrounds. **RES. NO. 0407-009**

PRIORITIZED LIST OF 19 "ON HOLD" CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS
In May of this year, facing a forecasted $56 million shortfall in its Capital Program, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted a plan to put 19 active capital improvement projects "on-hold" pending the identification of additional funding. The 19 projects are as follows:

- Buena Vista Park Landscape,
- Fay Park - garden,
- Hamilton Playground, Recreation Center and Pool,
- Junipero Serra Playground and Clubhouse,
- Lake Merced Master Plan,
- Lake Merced Overlook and Trail,
- Lincoln Park Master Plan,
- Lincoln Playground,
- Midtown Terrace Reservoir Top,
- Moscone Recreation Center,
- Potrero Hill Playground,

- Rolph Park Playground and Clubhouse,
- Rossi Playground,
- Rossi Playground - Edwards St. Annex,
- South Sunset Playground,
- St. Mary's Playground,
- Sunnyside Conservatory,
- Sunnyside Playground and Clubhouse, and
- Visitacion Valley Greenway- Sr. Park.
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Following this action, the Recreation and Park Commission directed staff to conduct public outreach meetings to inform the communities of the 19 "on-hold" projects of the Department's efforts to identify additional funding and to gain public buy-in on a process to prioritize projects to be moved forward as funding is identified.

In June, Capital Division staff began working with a task force assembled by the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) to develop a criteria system by which projects could be evaluated on their merit in relation to one another. Two public meetings were held and staff incorporated the comments collected into a final document that was adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission *(per item 16a)* for use in evaluating the 19 "on-hold" projects to determine their merit in relation to one other.

In order to develop a ranked list of projects based upon the adopted criteria, Capital Division staff developed a numerical ranking system. The system works by assigning a weight to each of the evaluation criteria based on its perceived importance to the department and to the community. Each project could then be scored on its responsiveness to the over-all criteria and be ranked in order of priority. This ranking system was adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission *(per item 16a)*.

Capital Division architects, engineers, planners and other key department staff have evaluated each of the 19 "on-hold" projects based on the evaluation and ranking system described above. Due to limited data, staff was not able to evaluate projects on two secondary criteria: 1) the project's ability to serve a large number of people proportional to its cost, and 2) the likelihood that a program or facility similar to that delivered by the project is currently offered nearby.

The Recreation & Parks Commission approved the Department's plan to secure a revenue bond with an estimated value of $20 million to be used to fund neighborhood park improvements *(per item 16b)*. The revenue bond shall be used to fund projects that are found to be a priority based on the Commission adopted evaluation criteria with emphasis given to funding the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects. To secure support for this bond, the Department shall submit a proposed list of projects to be funded by the revenue bond to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on July 20.

Capital Division staff set about selecting a range of projects to recommend for funding under the $20 million revenue bond. To do so, staff relied upon a system for selection projects in relation to the amount of money available that was developed and adopted in conjunction with adopted evaluation criteria. This system uses three criteria to determine the most appropriate allocation of identified funding. The three funding criteria are:

- The entire project can be completed with the available funds; (priority will be given to those that will obtain a minimum of 35% of the total project costs through either grants or gifts).
- The project can be efficiently phased, and a portion of the project can be completed using the available funds.
- The project furthers the goal of distributing capital improvements across all San Francisco neighborhoods.
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Projects will be evaluated based on each of the three funding criteria and projects that trigger either of the first two funding criteria shall be considered for funding in order of prioritized rank (as explained above).

Consideration will then be given based on the third funding criteria before final recommendations are made on which project receive funding and are cleared to move forward.

Capital Division staff has evaluated each of the 19 "on-hold" projects based on the funding criteria described above.

The Recreation and Park Commission is being asked to adopt a proposed list of projects to receive approximately $20 million in funding from the proposed revenue bond. This list will be submitted to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors as a condition of approval to move forward with the bond. Capital Division staff has prepared a ranked list of the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects, as well as a recommended list of projects for revenue bond funding, for Commission consideration. The Commission my choose to adopted the list as recommended, or may elect to make changes to the list as they see fit before final adoption.

The Department is recommending that it fully funding the following projects;
Rolph Park Playground and Clubhouse
Sunnyside Playground and Clubhouse
Moscone Recreation Center
Sunnyside Conservatory
Rossi Playground
Visitacion Valley Greenway Park
Fay Garden

Hamilton Playground and Pool be funded through design
Junipero Serra – only one phase be funded
St. Mary's Playground one phase would be funded

Arnold Levine was happy that Sunnyside Conservatory was on the list, **Andrea O'Leary** was happy that Sunnyside Playground was on the list, **Richard Magary** expressed concern that the staff had the primary role of developing criteria and the sole role in applying criteria, **Khanh Huynh-Ha** stated her concerns about the plans for the Sunnyside Conservatory, **Alfredo Pedroza** urged the Commission not to rush to spend the money until there is a strategic plan in place that will compliment the evaluation criteria that was approved today. He stated that a substantial effort remains in order to develop a comprehensive capital program that reflects and best serves the interest of San Francisco. **Ron Miguel,** Planning Association for the Richmond, stated that he was happy that Rossi Playground was on the list , he understood the time constraints and speeding up the development of the criteria, however in the future he would like to see more time. He questioned the remaining list with Lincoln Playground first on the list and Lincoln Park master plan as last. The development of the Playground impact on Lincoln Park as a golf course. **Miriam Moss** spoke about projects that were not on this list.

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve funding for some, or all of the 19 "on-hold" capital improvement projects, as identified in the attached alphabetical list, based on staff recommendation as developed through the community meeting process and based on the staff's proposed system of prioritization. **RES. NO. 0407-010**

JEFFERSON SQUARE AND MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND
Commissioner Chin announced that he had a conflict with this item and needed to abstain from it. made a motion to excuse Commissioner Chin from participating in and voting on this item. The motion was duly seconded and the Commission voted to allow Commissioner Chin to abstain on this item.

The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency is proposing to amend the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Plan to allow the construction of senior housing projects on two sites formerly occupied by the Central Freeway. Parcel A is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Gough and Turk Streets, and Parcel C is on the northeast corner of the intersection Franklin Street and Golden Gate Avenue (See location in Attachments: ESA Shadow Study, Figure 1).

A preliminary shadow analysis performed by the Planning Department indicated that the proposed projects have the potential to cast net new shadow on two nearby parks, Jefferson Square and Margaret Hayward Playground (See location in Attachments: ESA Shadow Study, Figures 2 and 7-10). Both parks do not have established shadow limits, per the adopted criteria of 1989, and shadow impacts on these parks from proposed development projects are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Jefferson Square (Block 0745, Lot 001) is a 245,775-square-foot park bounded by Laguna Street on the west, Eddy Street on the north, Gough Street on the east, and Turk Street on the south. The park consists of grassy areas, paved walkways, benches, and scattered groves of trees, but there are no facilities for active recreation. The park has a substantial north-to-south downslope of approximately 15 percent. Surrounding buildings, including two buildings along the northern edge of Margaret Hayward Playground, currently shadow the park during the early morning and late afternoon.

Margaret Hayward Playground (Block 0759, Lot 001), which lies directly south of Jefferson Square, is a 245,775-square-foot park bounded by Laguna Street on the west, Turk Street on the north, Gough Street on the east, and Golden Gate Avenue on the south. The eastern half of the park is occupied by two softball fields, while the western half of the park is occupied by a children's playground, basketball courts, tennis courts, and two buildings housing the Western Addition Community Technology Center and a 911 emergency operations center. Surrounding buildings currently shadow the park during the early morning and late afternoon.

Summary of Findings

Shadows from existing buildings in the vicinity currently consume approximately 51 million square-foot-hours or 2.8 percent of the total available sunlight. On an annual basis, the proposed projects will cast an additional 11.5 million square-foot-hours of net new shadow on the two parks, which amounts to 0.63 percent of the total available sunlight on the parks. The total amount of shadow on both parks would increase from 51 million square-foot-hours to 62.5 million square-foot-hours, in other words, from 2.8 percent to 3.63 percent of the total available sunlight.

Important to consider are the maximum shadow patterns, which are graphically depicted for Jefferson Square on December 21 at 8:22 AM (Figure 7, ESA Study) and for Margaret Hayward Playground/James Lang Field on June 21 at 8:30 AM (Figure 10, ESA Study).

The projected maximum shadow for Jefferson on December 21, the winter solstice, would cover initially about 11 percent of the park or 27,000 square feet (Figure 7), and it would leave the park beginning shortly after 10:30 AM, lasting for about 2 hours. Jefferson Square is considered a passive park, because it does not have any facilities for active recreation. Since Jefferson Square encompasses an entire city block, members of the public who are jogging or walking during the morning hours will be able to avoid the southeast corner of the park until the shadows have receded. The net new shadow from the proposed projects will not adversely impact how this park is used by the public.

The projected maximum shadow for Margaret Hayward Playground/James Lang Field on June 21, the summer solstice, would last for about 2.5 hours. At 6:48AM, new shadow would cover more than half of the softball fields on Margaret Hayward Playground. By 8:30AM, only the right field corner of the easternmost softball field would be in shadow (Figure 10). Beginning around 9:30AM, no new shadow would reach Margaret Hayward Playground. Thus, early-morning softball games would be impacted temporarily, but shadows on the softball fields would not prevent the games from being played from 10:00 AM on.

In conclusion, based on the case reports provided the Planning Department and its project sponsor, as reviewed by the Recreation and Park Department staff, the net new shadow on Jefferson Square and Margaret Hayward Playground will not be significant or adverse.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading and shadowing from the proposed Parcels A and C project by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency will not have significant and/or adverse effect on Jefferson Square and Margaret Hayward Playground, as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance). **RES. NO. 0407-011**

WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND

The San Francisco Administrative Code Section 6.22 (H) (1) and Section 6.22 (H) (2) state that Construction contract price modifications and time extensions exceeding ten percent of the base contact amount and durations require the approval of the awarding department's commission.

Rain day delays, unforeseen lead paint and asbestos removal and associated oversight, and demolition work methods all contribute to the time extension of the contract. Demolition by automated means caused noise disturbance to MUNI's Central Communications offices necessitated the change to manual demolition methods.

Higher costs are incurred to this contract because of the lead and asbestos removal and oversight fees as well as the change to manual, noise-mitigating demolition methods. The Department requested the Commission approve an increase of construction budget from $1,342,510 to $1,500,047 and a 55-day extension of time, from 300 to 355 consecutive calendar days. This item had been heard at the Capital Program Committee and was referred to the general calendar of the full commission as additional information was requested.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase of construction budget from $1,342,510 to $1,500,047, and an 55-day extension of time, from 300 to 355 consecutive calendar days, due to rain delays, unforeseen hazardous materials and associated removal, and change of means for demolition work at the West Portal Playground and Clubhouse Renovation Project. **RES. NO. 0407-012**

SHARP PARK

In the spring of 2004, the Department experienced a partial loss of its water supply for the Sharp Park Golf Course. During the last 50 plus years, water has been delivered through a mile long six-inch line which originated at the San Bruno County Jail. Like all of the Department's properties the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provided the water at no cost to the Department. At this time, water flow has been reduced by 70% leaving the majority of the Course's fairways without irrigation. Staff attempted to determine the cause of this problem, bit because the line is not mapped and traverses rugged open space, identifying the cause of the blockage remains unresolved. Consequently, the fairway turf has turned brown and gone dormant, and revenues have been negatively affected. If this situation is not remedied as soon as possible, the course's overall condition will permanently deteriorate.

The local community of Pacifica receives water from the North Coast Water District (NCWD) who in turn purchases the water from the SFPUC. NCWD maintains and operates its own water distribution system. In consultation with SFPUC staff, the Department determined the most expedient way to restore adequate irrigation supplies was to send "in-City" water through the NCWD distribution system. Additionally, SFPUC will assume the $130,000 cost to construct the new water hookup. Under state law, NCWD is allowed to pass along "wheeling charges" to end users. Wheeling charges are those costs NCWD assumes

to process and distribute the additional water including the costs of maintaining their distribution and storage system.

As part of a complex set of discussions that may eventually lead to the use of recycled water at the Course, the SFPUC negotiated a contract whereby the Department would currently pay only a wheeled water rate. The other NCWD user fees, transmission and storage for a six-inch connection ($108,418); bi-monthly water meter charge ($383.31); and a security deposit equal to double the estimated bi-monthly bill, are deferred and will be discussed during the negotiations regarding the recycled water project. Alternatives includes the deferral, waiver and/or payment-in-full of some or all of these fees and charges. If, as of November 30, 2004 the key business items term sheet for the Pacifica Water Recycling Project Agreement is not finally negotiated and agreed upon between SFPUC and NCWD and RPD continues to use the water service connection, the PUC or RPD will pay the applicable District transmission and storage fees, meter charges, and security deposit, unless the PUC, RPD and the District agree mutually in writing to extend the deferral of these fees and charges.

Therefore, the current charge would be set at $1.50 per 100 cubic feet of water pending an analysis of actual wheeling costs.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a contract with North Coast Water District for an emergency water supply at Sharp Park Golf Course at a rate of $1.50 per cubic feet.

RES. NO. 0407-013

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

The World Cyber Games, featuring "cyber athletics" from around the world, is a multi-faceted, international event that incorporates high-level video game competition, cultural events, a gaming Expo, a gaming conference, and other special events.

Created and produced by International Cyber Marketing from Seoul, Korea, and managed in San Francisco by e2k Sports, the event's mission is to bring together the youth of the world via e-spots. The WCG slogan "Beyond the Games", reflects the goal to create a youth festival where young people from around the world cane share emotions and hopes, learn mutual respect and understanding and have fun in the process. The "World Cultural Festival", has no language barriers, and is enjoyed by literally millions of young people viva the Internet.

The Cyber Games will begin on October 6, 2004 with spectacular opening closing ceremonies in the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza.

President Murray reminded staff that on all events the payment must be in the form of either a cashiers check or a wire transfer.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve e2k Sport's request to produce the "World Cyber Games 2004" tented event at the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza from October 6 - 10, 2004 with computer and video activities daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (22 hours) with security and stipulated that the bond and the money owed for electricity be paid 30 days in advance in the form of a cashiers check.

RES. NO. 0407-014

FERRY PARK PLAZA

Mariel Hemingway with the music of Charlotte Martin will conduct a "Yoga Workshop" at the San Francisco Marathon Expo at the Ferry Park Plaza at Justin Herman Plaza on Saturday, July 31, 2004. It is open to the San Francisco Marathon participants and to the public without fees.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she was against any amplified sound at Ferry Park.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve West End Management's request to produce the "San Francisco Marathon and Yoga Event" featuring Mariel Hemingway on July 31, 2004 at Ferry Park Plaza and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and stipulated that the bond was to be the form of a cashiers check.

RES. NO. 0407-015

GOLDEN GATE PARK

This is a request to approve West End Management's request to produce the "Nike Marathon" – also know as the "2004 Leukemia and Lymphoma of America Celebration of Women Marathon/Half Marathon/5K Walk" and to close the Great Highway on Sunday, October 24, 2004 from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Great Highway Lot will be closed for the set up of the Nike Marathon from Wednesday, October 2, 2004 at 12:00 a.m. through Monday , October 25, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. The most northerly portion of the lot will remain open for the Beach Chalet Restaurant and to the public. The Great Highway will be closed from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2004 for the start and finish of the Nike Marathon.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve West End Management's request to produce the "Nike Marathon" and their request to close the Great Highway on Sunday, October 24, 2004 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to ensure the safety of the public and the runners and stipulated that the bond was to be in the form of a cashiers check.

RES. NO. 0407-016

WASHINGTON SQUARE

Sandy Lee explained that this item had been brought to the Parks and Planning committee the previous month. The Italian Heritage Parade committee has requested that they have the traditional banquet and ball in a tent on Friday, on Saturday have a wine tasting and Sunday have a parade and car show. The staff had not come to the full Commission last month because the committee requested that staff outreach to the neighborhood. She also gave brief background stating that in October of 2002, staff – Mike Morlin, Gloria Goch-Gonzalez and she had met with the neighbors because of their concerns of multiple day events – especially those serving alcohol. The staff at that time made a commitment to try and limit those events. She stated that she thought that over the course of the last two weeks that a compromise had been reached and that they would dancing under the stars under a pavilion with no stage, a quiet Saturday, and on Sunday have the car show and the parade. However, as of yesterday morning the committee there was no compromise. **Tony Passanisi** stated that there had been a misunderstanding. He stated that they had gone to the Friends of Washington Square Park, Sts. Peter and Paul Church and the Telegraph Hill Dwellers in hopes of putting together a compromise. He stated that they had a verbal agreement with Sts. Peter and Paul Church but that the other two groups would oppose any event held at Washington Square. The President of the Friends of Washington Square commented that they would like a tent on Friday, nothing on Saturday and cars on Sunday. **Barbara Simons** with Sts. Peter and Paul Church stated that the annual Columbus Day Bazaar which takes place that weekend. She stated that there were fears that the event would hurt them financially but that there had been compromises. They were neutral on this item. **Mark Harrington** with the Italian Heritage Parade believed the changes were good and that they had made a number of concessions. **Julie Christensen** stated that the tent was an issue with the Friends of Washington Square and the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, the alcohol is a problem for the Friends of Washington Square and the food and wine is a problem for Sts. Peter and Paul. She suggested that they try something a little smaller. **Tony Passanisi** stated that they would lose the tent on Saturday if it would help. **Commissioner Murray** asked if this was put over for 30 days so that an agreement could be worked out if that would hurt them financially. Tony replied that it would. He stated the negotiations were going nowhere. **Commissioner Murray** stated that the Commission was going to hear the remaining items and asked that

both sides try and work out a compromise. They item was continued until the remaining items were heard – public comment was being held until that time.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
The City's voters approved a $87,445,000 bond measure in 2000 for improvements of the Academy facilities. In August 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved reconstruction of the facilities in Golden Gate Park. The Project entails substantial new construction and renovations, the demolition of 11 existing buildings totaling approximately 311,400 gross square feet, the substantial renovation of the Africa Hall, and an overall increase in floor space and a consolidation of exhibit spaces, resulting in a reduction in the overall footprint of the Academy's facilities. The $379 million budget for the Project also includes design and construction of entirely new exhibits for the museum and a $20 million increase in the California Academy of Science's endowment.

Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2A.160, the Recreation and Park Commission approved the Project's Financial Plan on March 4, 2004.

As outlined in the Project's Financial Plan, the Project will be finance through a unique combination of public and private funds. The requested appropriation of $8,075,000 will allow the encumbering of capital expenditures for the Project. The supplemental appropriation request will allow the authorized appropriation to coincide with the timing of the firs sale of General Obligation bonds.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it authorize the sale of up to $8,075,000 in bonds from the $87,445,000 Academy Facility Improvement Bond approved by the San Francisco voters in 2000, and the accompanying supplemental appropriation of the bond proceeds to the Recreation and Park Department. **RES. NO. 0407-018**

MCLAREN PARK LE GRANDE WATER TANK
The proposed Memorandum of Understanding will formalize the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) proposal to replace the La Grande Tank at McLaren Park, and it will set forth the conditions under which the SFPUC will access, construct, occupy and maintain the new water storage tank. This MOU is consistent with the Conceptual Plan previously approved by the Recreation and Park Commission on September 18, 2003 and November 20, 2003. The SFPUC constructed the La Grande water tank on the northwestern slope of McLaren Park in 1956. This 350,000 gallon tank is used to supply water to the City Distribution System for normal domestic use and for fire protection, including fire hydrants that serve McLaren Park.

The SFPUC proposes the construction of a Replacement Tank approximately 60 feet to the northeast of the existing tank. The new tank will be of the same size and capacity as the existing one. The SFPUC also proposed the installation of a new inlet pipe from the intersection of Excelsior Avenue and Prague Street to the Replacement Tank. Once the Replacement Tank is operational, the existing tank will be demolished and its present site will be restored to a natural condition. The Replacement Tank will continue to serve as a water source for fire protection at McLaren Park in conformance with the intended use of park property under San Francisco Charter Section 4.113.

The SFPUC will fully fund the proposed project, including the demolition of the existing water tank and the restoration of its site to a natural condition. The SFPUC will fund the improvements through the 2002 Proposition A CIP Bonds.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Utilities Commission to set forth the conditions under which the Public

Utilities Commission will access, construct, occupy and maintain a 350,000-gallon water storage tank (La Grande Tank), as the City Attorney shall approve to form. **RES. NO. 0407-019**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobby Webb spoke about the mural project at Hamilton Recreation Wall. His understanding was that the Beautification was eliminated. **Yomi Agunbiade** clarified that the program and funding had been moved to Department of Public Works and that the activities will continue under DPW. **Elizabeth Diaz** stated that she had started a new organization in regard to North Beach Playground and wanted to introduce herself. **John Laskin** stated that in his speech earlier that he made some anti-democratic comments and he wished to retract it. **Emeric Kalman** questioned the amount of the reserve in the Marina Harbor Fund.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 4:53 p.m. The Commission reconvened into open session at 5:03 p.m. The Commission voted not to disclose any or all discussion held in closed session.

WASHINGTON SQUARE – CONTINUED

Yomi Agunbiade reported back on the negotiations in regard to this item. The promoters and the neighborhood recommend that on Friday night a tent is allowed up to 60'x120' that is west of the Ben Franklin statue. The event will go until 10:00 p.m. and amplified sound will be in the tent. On Saturday, the same tent with amplified sound inside the tent from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, no change.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the 2004 Italian Heritage Parade and Festivale's request to produce a three-day event at Washington Square from October 8-10, 2004 . The Traditional Grand Banquet and Ball will be held in a tent up to 60'x120', west of the Ben Franklin Statue, will end at 10:00 p.m. with a modification of the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound in the tent between the hours of 6:00 and 10:00p.m.; the sale of beer and wine on Saturday in the same tent used on Friday; and the Italian Heritage Parade and Festival on Sunday. The Commission stipulated that any payments were to be in the form of a cashiers check. **RES.NO 0407-017**

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:20.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

GAVIN NEWSOM, MAYOR

Recreation and Park Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, August 5, 2004 – 2:30 p.m.

President Murray announeed that he had just reeeived a letter from one of the prineiples of the 701 Lombard Street requesting Commissioner Chin be reeused from that item. After eonsultation with the Department's Deputy City Attorney he stated that based on the faets Commissioner Chin would not be recusing himself.

The Speeial Meeting of the Reereation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 2:43 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Riehard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin

Absent:
Rebecca Prozan

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701 Lombard Street
Aeting General Manager **Yomi Agunbiade** reported to the Commission those events that oeeurred since the November 2003 meeting and also gave a timeline of all aetivities that oeeurred on this matter.

President Murray asked Mr. Brian O'Flynn to speak on the projeet and also stated that he would have an opportunity after publie eomment to speak again. **Mr. O'Flynn** spoke on the projeet, eminent domain, the proeess, the need for open spaee in the area, the laek of a strategic plan for the park, an estimate for the eost and the elosure of Mason Street.

Carolyn Blair spoke in support of this item. She stated that the aereage in the parks of District 3 was not enough. **Ernestine Weiss** spoke in support of this item as there was a need for more park space. **Therese Grenchik** spoke in support of this item for the elderly and for children. **Karl Beale** spoke in opposition of this item. Mr. Beale submitted his statement for the reeord. **James Lew** spoke in opposition to this item and stated it had become politieal. **Keith Wilson** spoke in opposition to this item because he believed that eertain political interests bypassed the process, leaving PROSAC and the Commission out and stated that there had been no planning proeess. **June Osterberg** spoke in support of a park. She felt that if a building were placed on the triangle it would combine with the erystal towers to build a wall across North Beach. **Stephanie Andrieux** spoke in support of this item and felt there was a need for more open spaee in the neighborhood. **Joan Wood** spoke in support of the item but opposed the elosure of Mason Street. **Jennifer Meorer** spoke in support of this item and felt that more green spaee was needed. **Marc Bruno** spoke in support of this item and felt that the growing population of children and family in the

neighborhood needed more open space. **Andrea O'Leary** spoke in support of this item. She stated that she felt this could only be seen as a natural extension of the existing park. **Charles Thomas** spoke in opposition to this item. He believed that the methods used were draconian and that a manipulation of the system has pitted neighbor against neighbor. **Doreen Der-Mc Loud** spoke in support of this item as there was currently limited open space. **Michael Alexander** spoke in support of this item and believed that acquisition could work if this was seen as a Library and Recreation and Park project. **Rick Hills** discussed the maintenance issue and suggested that money be allocated to basics. **Judith Berkowitz** stated that as a resident of the southeast sector of the City she believed the money could be spent on parks in other sections of the City. She requested that the vote be continued until the full board was seated. **Lee Goodin** spoke in support of this item and believed more park space was needed in North Beach. **Rhoda Feldman** spoke in opposition of this item – she stated there was already a park in the same area but not had been open to the public because of a lack of funds. **Brad Willmore** spoke in support of the acquisition and stated that the acquisition of this park had been on the wish list for the community since 1920 and spoke of the process. **Julie Christensen** spoke in support of the acquisition. She stated that although there was not a Department acquisition policy, the Department had guidelines that showed District 3 to be one of the densest area in the City and analysis shows it is also an underserved area. **Sal Busalacchi** spoke in opposition of this item, spoke of lack of process around this item and the opposition to the closure of Mason Street. **Francisco Da Costa** stated that the Commission should do what was right. **George Douglas** spoke on the process and stated that as a resident of District 3 he believed that the areas that needed parks were Chinatown and the south end of Polk Street. **Roland Greedy** spoke in support of the area becoming a park because it would be nicer to look at, healthier for the environment, and give more animals homes. **JoAnna Papai** spoke in support of this acquisition and stated that there was a need for more parkland. **Adam Cavan** spoke in support of the acquisition. **Lynn Jefferson** spoke of the poor maintenance in the parks and the opposition to this acquisition. **Bill Carlin** spoke in opposition to this item. **Elizabeth Diaz** spoke in support of the acquisition. She stated that there was a need to expand the park. **Paul Scott** spoke in support of the acquisition and stated that the neighborhood supported this and this was a product of good public policy. **Joseph Butler** spoke in support of this item and the need for the park and how his children grew up in the park. **Carrie Mallen** spoke in opposition of the acquisition and requested that the item be tabled until there was a full board. **John Laskin** spoke in opposition to the acquisition and felt that the park was pitiful. **Joe O'Donohue** spoke in opposition to this item and spoke of the unfair process. **David Lupo** spoke in support of this item and stated that the money was specifically for acquisition and not for maintenance. **Mia Morrill** spoke in support of this acquisition and stated that there is a need for a park for children. **Nan Roth** talked about the condition of the land and spoke in support of the acquisition. **William Wilson** spoke in support of the acquisition, discussed the PROSAC vote and the need for a civil process. **Janet Crane** spoke in support of the acquisition and the closure of Mason Street because of the long term need for open space.

Following detailed discussion and questions by the Commission, **Kay Murphy O'Flynn** spoke in opposition to the acquisition. **Mr. Coyne** asked the Commission to do the fair and prudent thing and vote to not approve this item. **Mr. O'Flynn** then made final comments. After additional discussion the following occurred.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO.0408-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the expenditure of $1,825,000.00 from the Open Space Fund to acquire 701 Lombard Street.

Ayes: Chin, Guggenhime, Lazarus and Murray
Nos: Bonilla and Martin

The Commission then directed the staff to report back at the September Commission meeting as to what the process would be for the closure of Mason Street.

Candlestick Park

The City entered into an Agreement to Sell Stadium Naming Rights for Candlestick Park ("the Stadium") with the San Francisco 49ers ("49er") dated as of January 31, 1996. The last extension option to the term

expired as of January 31, 2002. On February 21, 2002, the Recreation and Park Commission authorized the 49ers to pursue naming rights opportunities on behalf of the City. On June 20, 2002 the Commission approved a marketing agreement with the 49ers which included naming rights and scoreboard and signage advertising. Because this agreement was anticipated to exceed $1 million, it required Board of Supervisor approval. The proposed agreement was subsequently bifurcated, because only the scoreboard and signage and advertising portion of the agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 23, 2002. On July 14, 2004, by a vote of seven to four, the Board passed a resolution authorizing an agreement with the 49ers for naming rights at the Stadium.

The proposed agreement is similar to the agreement passed by the Commission in 2002, with the following exceptions:

- The agreement included a list of five potential sponsors: Wells Fargo Bank, Virgin Atlantic Airlines, Organic, Inc., Monster Cable and Macromedia.
- Should the 49ers reach an agreement with one of these five potential sponsors and if the City's share of Naming Rights revenues under the Agreement is at least $3,000,000, the 49ers would not be required to obtain any further approval by the City.

Bill Wilson spoke in support of this item because the Department needs the money and does not need to layoff any additional employees.

On motion of **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0408-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an agreement authorizing the San Francisco 49ers to negotiate an agreement with a sponsor for the purchase of naming rights for Candlestick Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:47p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret McArthur, Commission Liaison

San Francisco

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 2004

The regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 2:02 p.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Richard Guggenhime
Jim Lazarus

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Absent:
Larry Martin
Rebecca Prozan

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President Murray announced that on Item 4I the date should be September 18, 2004 and that Item 7 was removed from calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray discussed capital projects and the completion of the budget process.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SFStat Update: As you may know, the city and county of San Francisco is engaged in a citywide effort to streamline how the City compiles statistics in each one of its respective agencies. The San Francisco Recreation and Park has been participating in SFStat since May 2004. Prior to May, the Department's staff began a systematic effort to compile data based on direction given by Stuart Sunshine from the Mayor's Office. He and his staff are the coordinators of this citywide effort that is still in its fledgling stages. On July 17, 2004 Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade, appeared before the SFStat panel for the first time. The panel, which includes Mayor Gavin Newsom, Stuart Sunshine, Ed Harrington, and others reviewed statistics from May and June regarding the following items: Permits and Reservations, Personnel, Recreation Attendance, Finance, Contracts and Leases, Citizen Service Requests, and Claims and Settlements.

Mr. Agunbiade will appear again before the SFStat panel on August 27, 2004. In preparation for his presentation, staff is collecting information for June and July and will be working with him to fine-tune and continue to improve the way we showcase and explain the Department's operations. SFStat is an attempt at emulating similar data collecting occurring in other cities throughout the U.S. Starting in Baltimore in the 90's this type of data tracking was mirrored from how law enforcement agencies track criminal activity. The prevailing issue and key to why so many cities throughout the U.S. have been emulating something similar to SFStat relates to one important premise: the agencies that make the best case for their funding baseline are the agencies that keep excellent data. This data can be used to make the case to preserve funding especially during budget shortfall times and help the public understand how the business of the City actually gets done.

Informational Report to the Recreation and Park Commission on the Status of the Golden Gate Park National Register of Historic Places Nomination: As part of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan EIR, a historic resources study was done to determine the park's eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. That study concluded that Golden Gate Park is a nationally significant historic designed landscape that is eligible for listing on the National Register. Benefits of listing on the National Register include enhanced status and recognition, eligibility for certain federal and private grant programs, and use of the State Historic Building Code. National Register status for Golden Gate Park is an important step in preserving the historic landscape for future generations.

Two structures within the park, the Conservatory of Flowers and the Beach Chalet, are already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and eight other structures are designated City Landmarks.

In September of 2003 the National Register nomination was submitted to the State Office of Historic Preservation for review. On July 21, 2004 the San Francisco Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board reviewed and approved the nomination for Golden Gate Park. On August 6, 2004, the State Historic Resources Commission recommended Golden Gate Park for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

President Murray addressed his concerns about having the Millwright's Cottage on the list and the limited funds that the Department has available and requested further discussion on this item.

Update on Candlestick Park: Candlestick Capital projects are proceeding on schedule and the Stadium will be ready for the first game on August 14th. The sound system, ribbon signage and suite renovations have been completed. Work is ongoing during the first part of the season for the Stadium light standards and should be completed prior to the winter storm season. The projects are also being completed at their projected budget estimates. One outstanding project, upper concourse paving, remains to be financed and completed. Staff and the 49ers will make a determination after this summer's projects have been completed to determine if any capital funding will remain from the rent credit agreement.

Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda Roof Repair: Color samples were presented to the RPD and SF Arts Commission, the Landmark Board, SF Beautiful, Heritage, and the Maybeck Foundation at the Steering Committee on August 13th. The commissioners and board members were invited to view the full-scale mock-up of the two original colors and two additional colors.

SF Beautiful and SFAC president Bill Mayer both raised the question of whether the Palace color scheme should go back to 1915 or 1960. The Maybeck Foundation has agreed to fund Carey and Company to do more research regarding returning to that of 1915, but any of the colors now under consideration for the roof will work.

Two color samples were presented to the RP Commission, the Art Commission and the Landmark Board, SF Beautiful, Heritage, Maybeck Foundation, and the commissioners and board members were invited to view the full scale mock up of the two original colors and of the two additional colors. No comments were received by the deadline of August 11, 2004, except for SF Beautiful, SF Arts Commission and the Maybeck Foundation.

SF Beautiful and SF Arts Commission both raised the question of whether the Palace color scheme should go back to 1915 or 1960. The Maybeck Foundation has agreed to fund Carey to do additional research regarding the feasibility of returning the Palace to the 1915 color scheme. In any case, the roof color we choose now will have to work with either color scheme.

The public process is over and the colors are being fine tuned over the next couple of weeks by the project team. The Steering Committee will make the final recommendation/decision with the professional input from Carey & Co. The final color will be decided by September 3, 2004 at the latest.

Restoration Status of Sharp Park: Sharp Park Golf Course irrigation is up and running and the fairways are now starting to be restored. Besides applying adequate water to the turf, staff has begun a renovation program to accelerate the restoration.

IPM/West Nile Virus: The Department's IPM staff continue to respond to issues surrounding the pending West Nile Virus outbreak. They are applying biological controls to sumps, drains and ponds and working with maintenance staff to eliminate standing water that harbors mosquito larvae.

Lifeguards: Twenty-three lifeguard trainees are now working in the Department's Aquatics Program assisting staff in the Locker Rooms and on the pool deck. They are all enrolled in the training program, which upon completion will make them eligible for promotion to a lifeguard position.

Aquatics Task Force: Staff met with the Aquatics Task Force and had a productive meeting. The Task Force is interested in promoting the Aquatics Program on a citywide basis and we will assist them whenever feasible.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

- From Ms. Krystn Kuckleman of Friends of Helen Wills Park: a donation of $9,982.00 for the installation of trees and irrigation at Helen Wills Park.

- From Ms. Jean La Pez a donation of $30.00 in honor of the sculptures by Demetrios Braceros displayed in Cuyuga Park.

Events of August:

- August 2nd and 3rd at 8p.m. at the Randall Museum: The Young People's Musical Teen Theatre presented scenes and songs form popular musicals as part of the Summer 2004 program.

- August 2nd through August 6th the semifinals for the San Francisco Junior Tennis Open were held, and on August 7th the finals took place at the Golden Gate Tennis Courts for age divisions 12, 14 16 and 18.

- On August 5th the 11th Annual Installment of the Art in the Park Exhibition was held. This featured work created by teens while they were at summer Recreation and Park Camp at the Sharon Art Studio in Golden Gate Park.

- The 2004 Soccer Shoot Contest, best of 15 shots on goal for boys and girls Citywide Competition was held at Kezar August 14, 2004. First place winners of this competition are eligible for the region-wide competition. TBA national winner can go on to win $20,000 scholarships for college.

- Come and visit the new animals at the Randall Museum Eight Giant Animal Annual Sculptures by Benny Bufano. Free tours every Saturday until August 21, 2004 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The Randall Museum is located 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt, above Castro &14th Streets.

Dates to Remember:

- **Music in the Parks**, sponsored by the San Francisco Parks Trust (formerly Friends of Recreation and Park), will be held at Douglas Playground in Noe Valley on September 18th from 3:00 until 5:00; and at Holly Park on September 18th from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m.

- **Family Fest**: On October 10th from 9:00 until noon at Yerba Buena Gardens the Recreation Division will provide special recreation programming to support Coleman Advocates.

- **Summer Plant Sale:** Open to the public Saturday, August 21, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Gate Park Nursery; all proceeds from the sale directly benefit the Nursery's cultivation of new plants for SF's parks!! The nursery is located at 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive off Lincoln.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Guggehime** and duly seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the July 2004 meeting.
RES. NO. 0408-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in certain green fees at the Harding park Golf Complex at Lake Merced, based on an increase in the Consumer Price Index.
RES. NO. 0408-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the price of buckets of balls at the driving range from $4.50 to $5.00. **RES. NO. 0408-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request for Proposals for the lease and operation of McLaren Golf Course. **RES. NO. 0408-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the operation of the horse-riding concession at Camp Mather. **RES. NO. 0408-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the wrapping of the Vaillancourt Fountain at Justin Herman Plaza by the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company to support the Company's four scheduled free dances entitled *Orange Danger* at Justin Herman Plaza on October 20-23, 2004. **RES. NO. 0408-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the California Dragon Boat Association's request to sell beer at its 9th Annual Northern California International Dragon Boat Championships held on September 25-26, 2004 at Lake Merced to benefit the CDBA and Self-Help for the elderly. **RES. NO. 0408-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve ABS - CBN International request to hold a free public concert at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on Friday, September 24, 2004 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and a request to modify the sound policy to 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. **RES. NO. 0408-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request for a reduction of fees for games played by the Junior 49ers and the Seahawks through September 18, 2004 at Kezar Stadium. **RES. NO. 0408-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids received on June 23, 2004 for the construction contract on the Koret Foundation Children's Quarters in Golden Gate Park, due to bids exceeding the engineers' estimate. **RES. NO. 0408-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a scope/budget reduction plan for SOMA Park.
RES.NO. 0408-013

GENERAL CALENDAR

PAINTBALL LEASE AGREEMENT - FUHRMAN BEQUEST, KERN COUNTY
In 1941 the Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco Library received equal shares of a bequest of cash and 198 acres of Kern County land from the estate of Alfred Fuhrman. The bequest stipulated that the Department use these funds for the "further adornment of Golden Gate Park." The 78.12 acre parcel which is the subject of this Lease is located in a desolate area outside of Bakersfield that in the past has been leased for grazing purposes at approximately $10.00 per acre per year.

If approved, the Tenant proposed to operate a "paintball" playing field to which it would charge admission. The Material Safety Data Sheet along with information obtained form the National Safety Council indicates that this is a relatively safe activity that uses only water-based non-hazardous colored liquid that readily washes away in the rain. The rent for this month-to-month Lease would be $500/month. Prior to opening this playing field to the public the Tenant would be require to obtain a conditional use permit from Kern County that require environmental review. The Library Commission has approved this Lease.

On motion of **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 0408-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a month-to-month lease with Carl Watkins and Carolina Aquino to operate a paintball concession in Kern County.

ALTA PLAZA PARK

Alta Plaza Park is located in the north quadrant of San Francisco in Pacific Heights in District 2 and is bounded by Scott Street to the west, Jackson Street to the north, Steiner Street to the east and Clay Street to the south.

In conjunction with the Friends of Alta Plaza Park, the Recreation and Park Department is planning for the renovation of the existing playground. The renovation will take place after a community fund raising effort. The playground renovation occurs within the footprint of the existing playground. The courts resurfacing occur within the footprint of the existing courts.

A first workshop was initiated by the Friends of Alta Plaza Park to discuss a community fund raising effort. Various playgrounds from around the world were reviewed with the community to obtain a sense of their likes and dislikes. Afterward, the Department initiated two community meetings to ensure the proposed renovation met the needs and desires of the neighbors and park users.

The MOU and Agreement cover playground renovation and courts resurfacing. The purpose of the MOU is to delineate the responsibilities of each of the parties in the renovation of the Alta Plaza Park Play Area. The Agreement specifies the terms under which the construction of the renovation and courts resurfacing will take place and provides a procedure and requirements for the completion and acceptance of the playground renovation and courts resurfacing.

The proposed renovation of Alta Plaza Park is subdivided as follows: 1) construction of a new playground with fencing, landscaping and irrigation (planning and design work was funded and contracted with a consultant by the City; construction is gift-in-place by Friends of Alta Plaza); 2) courts resurfacing (construction is gift-in-place by Friends of Alta Plaza); 3) an accessible path of travel from the corner of Jackson Street and Scott Street to the playground (design and construction funded and sent to bid by the City); 4) renovations of the existing restroom for ADA compliance (design and construction funded and sent to bid by the City).

On motion of **Commissioner Guggenhime** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0408-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Friends of Alta Plaza Park, the San Francisco Parks Trust, the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works for the renovation of the play area and courts resurfacing at Alta Plaza Park.

PREFABRICATED RESTROOM CONTRACT

The Recreation and Park Department solicited purchase/construction bids for the fabrication, delivery and installation of pre-fabricated restroom buildings. Of the two bids received, Hinter Knepshield Co., Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder submitting a base bid of $146,754 and an alternate A bid of $400, alternate B bid of $2,548 and alternate C bid of $50. This cumulative total of $149,752 is below the $200,000 engineer's estimate. Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate the contract.

Mary Helen Briscoe spoke of the need for a restroom in the Panhandle and urged the Commission approve this item.

On motion of **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 0408-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a (5) five year term purchase/construction "As-Needed" contract to Hunter Knepshield Co. Inc. for the manufacturing, delivery and installation of prefabricated restroom buildings at a unit cost of $149,752 per structure including base bid and alternates A, B and C.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE YARD

The Clean Air Program by direction of the Board of Supervisors Healthy Air and Smog Prevention Ordinance, passed in 1999, is leading the effort to move the City's vehicle fleet to more efficient, cleaner burning fuels. The ordinance requires that all new vehicles purchased by the City use clean air fuels unless a waiver is issued by the Director of Administrative Services. The Department has partnered with the Clean Air Program in the past to move many of our gardeners to electric golf carts and bicycles for their transportation needs. Understanding that most of the Department fleet will transition to CNG, the Department has decided to partner once again wit the Clean Air Program and other departments to facilitate the installation CNG stations throughout the city in order to handle the mandated transition. The proposed CNG station will be located at the maintenance yard in Golden Gate Park. It consists of a compressor, housed in an enclosure, and a remote fueling station to be located adjacent to the existing gasoline stations.

Staff at the maintenance yard have voiced concerns about noise and congestion at the existing gas pumps and the wisdom of installing yet another piece of equipment in Golden Gate Park. The General Manager stated that he had met with staff to discuss their concerns, and has committed to install the compressor in a location a manner which addresses most of the concerns. Rick Ruvolo of the Clean Air Program is committed to reducing any noise generated by the compressor to ambient levels by installing sound attenuating materials within the enclosure.

The Department has committed to provide $100,000 toward a projected budget of $500,000 for the purchase and installation of the station. Other departments such as DPW are providing in kind services such as trenching as their contribution to the project. Rick Ruvolo gave a presentation on the project including a brief history and answered questions from the Commission.

Pinky Kushner stated her concern was that this site would not just be for the vehicles of Recreation and Park. **Martin MacIntyre** had concerns about the noise from this pump. **Greg Gaar** stated that he wanted to reduce the number of vehicles and was concerned about the impact if more vehicles would have on the park. **David Pilpel** stated that he was not taking a position on this item but felt that there were still unanswered questions and suggested it would be helpful to get as much information to the public as possible.

This item was for discussion only.

GOLDEN GATE PARK POLO FIELD

President Murray gave a brief update on why this item was brought back to the Commission including the processing fee for the free tickets and the VIP Passes. Deputy City Attorney **Virginia dario Elizondo** explained the current permit, the additional information and how that effects the permit. Staff responded to questions of the Commission.

Martin MacIntyre was supportive of raising money, revenues for the City and discussed commercial vs. nonprofit permittees. **Mary Heleln Briscoe** was concemed about the amplified sound policy.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following the resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 0408-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does amend "Another Planet Entertainment's" request to produce a gated, free, ticketed musical event at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, September 13, 2004 and a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and a request to sell beer and wine. In addition, the Department will evaluate the proposed donation to the Department versus what it would be based on gross receipts and consider this issue later. The money will be going to charities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin MacIntyre discussed the new sound policy. **Dorte Murray** also commented on problems with the sound policy – she felt the problem was the enforcement. **President Murray** asked that they discuss their concerns in writing for staff to respond. **Ernestine Weiss** spoke on the volleyball players in Ferry Park. her.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus stated that the Charter requires that each Department is required to submit an annual report and asked that **President Murray** discuss with lead responsibility with staff. **Commissioner Bonill**a requested clarification on the day of the Joint Zoo Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret McArthur, Commission Liaison

San Francisco

GAVIN NEWSOM, MAYOR

Recreation and Park Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 2004

The 799th meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 2:12 p.m. by Commission Vice President Gloria Bonilla.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gloria Bonilla
Jim Lazarus
Larry Martin

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Absent:
Gordon Chin
Richard Guggenhime

Vice President Bonilla announced that item number 8 would be removed from calendar and at the request of Commissioner Lazarus item 4B would be removed from the consent calendar and put on the general calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murray reported that they had been working with the Mayor's office on the General Manager's search with the intent to began the search the end of September/beginning of October with the intent to conclude by November.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

49er Fest was held at Kezar Stadium and was attended by approximately 5,000 fans. We did not receive any complaints related to this event from the immediate neighborhood. This will prove to be a sound test for the upcoming larger events and the related Transportation Management Plan.

The Summer Aquatics programs operating under the new Aquatics model was successfully completed. The transition to the school year programs also went smoothly. At this point the model is operating as expected and the Aquatics Task Force is satisfied with the current operations.

Fleet Week: As in the past, we have approved free entry to Coit Tower and to the Tea Garden for servicemen on leave during Fleet Week, October 8th through 13th.

Candlestick Park/Fantasy Football Game: We had the first ever Fantasy Football Game at Candlestick Park on August 22nd. Gregg Harris, President of Your American Dreams, organized the event and said "it was a great success… and we are looking forward to doing it again." The one-day event made $10,000 in revenue for the Department.

Staff has arranged to have a 30-second message directed at event planners and corporations announcing the availability of Candlestick for special events. The message will be shown on the Jumbotron each quarter of every home 49ers home game.

Staff has also secured a half-page ad space in the 2005 Meeting and Event Planners Guide (S.F. Convention and Visitors Bureau) to further direct the availability of Candlestick Park to event planners and corporations. Once the Guide is published, staff will distribute copies. Staff is continuing efforts to secure more events and appreciates your support.

Please see the supplemental report on Candlestick Park.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

- From Camera Construction and RPMC Pacific: An in-kind donation toward the installation of 750 square feet of previous concrete paving at Washington Square Park.
- From Friends of Joe DiMaggio Park, a $1000 paint donation.

Supplemental Report from Linda Woo Re Quadrant 2

Chinese Recreation Center
Tuesday, August 3rd & Wednesday, August 4th: In-house Table Golf Tournament. Over 45 boys and girls participated.

Friday, August 6th: In-house Checkers Tournament. Over 40 boys and girls participated.

Monday, August 9th: In-house "Yu-Gi-Oh" Tournament. 20 boys and girls competed.

Awards were presented to two winners in each of the above tournaments.

Friday, August 13th: Last day of summer playschool. A carnival and barbecue was held for the playschool children and the Woh Hei Yuen youngsters who have been daily participants in the Summer Lunch Program. Games, raffles, drawing contests, and other activities were conducted by the 9910 Workreation staff and teen volunteers. Over 150 youngsters were in attendance.

Patrick Tran, 3280 Assistant Recreation Director, is in the midst of an in-house basketball league for youth 16 years and under, with a few games to be played before the championship round. Ten teams representing Chinese Center Satellite facilities and community agencies are entered in the league. Over 100 spectators are in the bleachers for each game to root for their favorite team.

Chinese Playground
Saturday, August 14th: An adult volleyball tournament was conducted for both men's and women's division. This was a "lead-up" in preparation for the annual invitational tournament that will involve teams from different states throughout the United States.

Portsmouth Square Recreation Center
Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor, met with Steve Granieri to do moisture readings in the clubhouse as part of the legal process establishing liability for moisture damage.

Weekly workshops, which are important and educational to the members of the Chinatown community, are conducted on Tuesdays. The following is a list of workshops that were conducted this month:

Tuesday, August 3rd: Topic: "Meals On Wheels". Olivia Ho from the San Francisco Chapter, spoke about the "Meals On Wheels Senior Nutrition Program; what it is, what services it provides, who is eligible and the nutritional needs of the elderly. 87 people attended.

Tuesday, August 10th: Topic: "Arthritis". Anita Chik from On Lok Senior Services spoke on the causes of arthritis, how to prevent it, the best ways to relieve arthritic pain and answered questions. Over 90 people attended.

Tuesday, August 17th: Topic: "Housing In San Francisco". Tan Chow and David Ho from Chinatown Community Development Center spoke on rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. Over 75 people attended.

Tuesday, August 24th: Topic: "Medicare 2004 – Drug Discount Program". Dora Ho from Chinatown Community Health Plan discussed the 2004 Drug Discount Program's benefits and Medicare beneficiaries with Parts A and B to over 80 people.

Tuesday, August 31st: Topic: "Elderly Abuse". Sean Do from the District Attorney's Office spoke on abuse regarding stolen social security checks, money withdrawn from bank accounts without consent, forced signatures over property, etc. Over 90 people attended.

Woh Hei Yuen
Thursday, August 5th: Over 25 youngsters and their Recreation Directors held a picnic in Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park. The weather was great and there was plenty of food and drink for everyone.

Tuesday, August 10th: The recreation staff prepared a barbecue for children enrolled in the summer program. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, chicken and sodas were served. It was a great way to end the summer program. The youngsters had made many friends during the summer and most of them have expressed their interest to return next summer.

Wednesday, August 25th: The Mayor's Office of Community Development held a community event called, "Project Connect". RPD Staff assisted. The event started with the Wu Yee Children Lion Dancing Team performance upon the Mayor's arrival. Dwayne Jones welcomed the crowd, explained the purpose of the event and the day's agenda, and introduced dignitaries who were in attendance, including Mayor Gavin Newsom, who addressed the group; Police Chief Heather Fong; and members of the Board of Supervisors and/or their aides. Volunteers then went out in teams to survey the residents in the neighborhood. Over 150 people participated.

Huntington Park
All hedges have been trimmed. The fountain has been cleaned out and is running well. All entry beds have been converted from annuals to rose bushes.

Washington Square
Preparing for the Columbus Day event. Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor and Tom O'Connor, Gardener; has met with the event promoters to go over guidelines for setting up for the event.

Moscone Recreation Center
Saturday, August 7th: Official Junior Giants Day at SBC Park. Moscone's T-Ball and 8-10 year old teams enjoyed the San Francisco Giants baseball game.

Friday, August 13th: Junior Giants Game was played at Moscone's Hennessey Field. This was the first game ever played under the lights in Junior Giants history. 30 children and their parents enjoyed playing and watching the game and the barbecue that followed.

Monday, August 16th: Two youth baseball teams, totaling 45 children and their parents attended the Junior Giants Day at SBC Park.

Tuesday, August 17th: Recreation staff conducted a Moscone Inter-squad baseball game, followed by big pizza party to end the season. 45 children and their parents attended the event.

Week of August 23rd through August 27th: Moscone Day Care, Tiny Tots and Kids Gym conducted "end of summer" parties.

Presidio Heights Playground
Friday, August 13th: The summer Latchkey Program ended with an "end of summer" party.

Hayward Playground
Friday, August 6th: Children's Nacho Party. Ice cream, nachos and cake were served. 30 children participated.

Tuesday, August 10th: 30 children went on an outing to the Zeum at the Yerba Buena Center. They created, produced, staged and showcased their own music videos.

Fridays, August 13th and 27th: Special Creative Art sessions attended by 15 young ladies.

Alta Plaza Park
Plants installed at the Steiner/Clay corner.

Broadway West Mini Park
Treetoppers pruned all the large trees.

Julius Kahn Playground
Monday, August 23rd: Resurfacing of the tennis courts started. The project will took 3 weeks to complete.

Lafayette Square
The flowerbeds at the Sacramento/Laguna corner have been renovated.

Palace of Fine Arts
Work on the roof of the Rotunda is continuing.

Boeddeker Park
The new policy at Boeddeker Park is called "Zero Tolerance". As a safety measure, a police officer is stationed inside the park everyday for 4 hours.

Monday, August 2nd: The opening of the Sgt. Surgrue Events Week. The event is similar to a mini-Olympics and is a collaborative between several Tenderloin agencies. Hundreds of children participated in athletic activities at the Tenderloin Children's Playground, Boeddeker Park, the "Y" and more.

Tuesday, August 3rd: "Boeddeker Park Music In The Park". The park was "rockin" with old school Blues music, performed by "Nightmare on Bourbon Street" the event was well attended by "brown bag lunch people", as well as the "regular locals".

Wednesday, August 4th: 7 am – 10 am. Park Clean-Up Day. Children and teachers from the Christian Academy, which is located across the street from Boeddeker Park, helped to clean up the park.

Wednesday, August 11th: "Youth With A Mission" Block Party, with over 200 people in attendance. "Youth With A Mission" is a group of young Christians from all over the United States who arrive every summer to volunteer with special projects in the Tenderloin at Boeddeker Park, the Tenderloin Children's Playground and more.

Wednesday, August 18th: 25 volunteers from the Presentation Senior Housing weeded and planted from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. under the direction of Thomas Wang, Park Section Supervisor.

Friday, August 20th: Robert McDaniels, Recreation Director, took 13 children salmon fishing with the San Francisco Police Department.

Friday, August 20th: The Presentation Senior Housing had an ice cream social and celebrated all the hard work the seniors have done in the garden.

Saturday, August 21st: Thomas Wang, Park Section Supervisor, conducted a "Nature in the City" tour from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. which started at Civic Center and ended at Boeddeker Park. 14 individuals participated in the tour, which was supported by Friends of Boeddeker Park and the Neighborhood Parks Council. Following the tour, all but one stayed to plant and weed.

Saturday, August 21st: The first of monthly birthday parties for the homeless, lonely, and anyone who wants to celebrate. 13 people attended, enjoying ice cream and cake, which was donated. Jerome Wysinger, Recreation Director, is in charge of planning this monthly event.

Tuesday, August 24th, Wednesday, August 25th and Thursday, August 26th: Volunteers from Azusa Pacific University, who were affiliated with "Youth With A Mission" helped at Boeddeker Park, as well as **McCauley Mini Park**, by weeding, planting, mulching and watering. 12 people volunteered each day, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Thomas Wang, Park Section Supervisor, who supervised this group also included interpretive plant tours each day.

Five computers are online, thanks to Marc Stevenson of SFRPD's MIS Division, who put in many hours to get them ready for classes. Al Wimberly, Recreation Director, will lead classes for children and adults.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Tuesday, August 3rd: The Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center celebrated National Night Out with the South of Market community.

August 6th, 7th and 8th: Two SOMA teens attended "The Think Tank" program in Los Angeles, California. One of the teens, DeMarcus Moore came back with two first-place debating trophies.

Monday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 25th: Pizza party for SOMA Junior Giants AA team.

Tuesday, August 24th: SOMA youth provided entertainment and an informational table for the annual Woman's Day event.

Thursday, August 26th: SOMA recreation staff attended a "Back to School Resource Fair" at the Lee Yick Wo Community Center.

Friday, August 27th: Pizza party for SOMA Junior Giants Majors team.

Tenderloin Children's Playground
Thursday, August 5th: Twenty-one children, ages 6-12 and 2 adults enjoyed a day at the S.F. Zoo. The children had a task of completing an "Animal & Bug Hunt" through the use of a camera. Once the pictures were developed, the recreation staff and children created a "Seek & Find" type poster (picture collage) for the Center.

Friday, August 6th: The Center invited children to color one of four posters. The children were then invited to write a story about any one of the pictures. One week later, the winner was announced. Nola McCue, 11 years old, wrote a tragedy about a group of fairies and how a human being accidentally stepped on one of the fairies. Nola received one week of acknowledgements and a wonderful age-appropriate prize.

Tuesday, August 3rd through Saturday, August 7th: Sgt. Sugrue Tenderloin Games. Youth, ages 8-18, from various agencies completed in a number of events each day. August 3rd: Soccer and Volleyball. August 4th: Mancala, Connect 4, Dominoes and Foosball. August 5th: Relay Races. August 6th: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. August 7th: Track and Field (50 yd. Dash, 100 yd. Dash, Long Jump and Softball Throw). Over 50 youth participated each day. On Saturday, August 7th, the youth enjoyed a barbecue lunch, received a T-shirt and were entered into a raffle. District Attorney Kamala Harris was the keynote speaker to open the Games and Captain Brown of the Tenderloin Task Force awarded the medals to the

winners. Events were held at the Tenderloin Children's Playground, Boeddeker Park and the Boys and Girls Club – Tenderloin Unit.

Tuesday, August 10th: The Stanford Medical Van came to provide monthly medical services to community members, ages 12 to 22 years of age.

Wednesday, August 18th: 12 children went salmon fishing with the San Francisco Police Department. They were not as successful as the last trip, but they had fun.

Thursday, August 19th: 16 children were escorted and supervised by 2 adults during their visit to the New Steinhart Aquarium, located on Howard Street. The children and their chaperones explored the two-story building for 3 hours. The kids particularly enjoyed the hands-on room, which provided books, computers and manipulative projects that kept the children busy for at least an hour.

During the entire month, St. Vincent de Paul's Reading Group faithfully provided their weekly Tuesday night reading program for 6-12 year olds.

All trees have been pruned to not block the lights at the Tenderloin Children's Playground. Two trees have been removed.

Joseph Alioto Piazza – Civic Center
Continued renovation of lawns (aerate, fertilize, seeding) and pressure washing of grease and stains on the plaza, following the Pakistani Independence Day event.

Installation of two new lawns (~600 sq. ft.) at the children's play areas.

The olive trees near the southeast children's playground have been pruned to not block the lights.

The princess flowerbeds, located across from the Asian Art Museum have been pruned, to deter homeless encampment within the bushes.

The Bill Graham flowerbed has been weeded.

Union Square
Monday, August 30th: Renovation of half of the lawn began. The area will be roped off for the next 2 to 4 weeks.

South Park
A new path of decomposed granite is being installed next to the children's playground.

We continue our work to prepare the park for Neighborhood Park Council's gala event scheduled for the September 30th.

Supplemental Report from Mike Gay on Candlestick

- We have received estimates for updating and renovating the Jumbotron scoreboard and sound system refurbishing. (Completed)
- Completed installation of new flow sensor for fresh water pumping stations.
- Replaced ceiling tiles with plastic tiles in approximately 94 luxury suites.
- Completed water installation in main parking lot.
- Ongoing routine maintenance.
- Removed ad panels; replacement ad panels were installed.
- Replaced sound system throughout stadium.
- Replaced carpet and wallpaper in luxury suites (begun in May 2004, completed August 2004)
- Removed mold in official's room.

- Completed emergency repairs to parking lot lights.
- Tower light project should be completed by October 15, 2004.
- Began replacing all the disabled signs throughout stadium.
- DPW will provide estimate to perform upper concourse repair. We are waiting for the proposal.
- United Rentals is providing traffic operations function on US 101 during major events.
- Began installation of new carpet in City Conference Room, entrance to locker room area and football press box foyer.
- Scheduled to begin re-lamping of the tower lights.
- Began paining plaza area (i.e. iron gates, etc.)
- Began stadium signage upgrading project for main concourse, upper and lower mezzanine, ramp plazas A, E, F, and gates B, C, and D.

Isabel Wade gave the PROSAC report. She stated that PROSAC had passed a resolution to the effect that they had hoped the Commission would reconsider the ranking system adopted for capital projects. She stated that the committee was very concerned about what went down about the 19 projects. She stated that they gave to **Commissioner Lazarus** a memo from the Neighborhood Parks Council delivered to PROSAC in regard to concerns about the lack of weighing on environmental issues within the ranking system. She also informed the Commission that effective October 1, 2004 she was resigning from PROSAC. On behalf of the Commission, **Commissioner Bonilla** thanked **Isabel Wade** for her service on PROSAC.

Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager stated that at the last meeting a presentation had been made to the Commission on the compressed natural gas option that the Department wanted to put in the maintenance yard in Golden Gate Park. At that time the Commission requested additional information. Since that meeting two tours took place, one at an existing site and one in the maintenance yard to see where the site would be located. He stated that **Commissioner Bonilla** had been to both sites. He asked **Rick Ruvilo** with the Department of the Environment Clean Air Program to answer those questions raised by the Commission on the mitigation of noise and visual impacts and discuss the tours. Rick stated that the proposed project would add a CNG dispenser to the existing fueling island in the maintenance yard and that most if not all of the 36 vehicles in the Department's fleet would fuel at this site, and not have to drive across town. This CNG would be available to all city CNG vehicle but they expect most to continue fueling on the east side. Rick also stated that the goal of project was to eventually replace all of the gasoline and diesel powered vehicles with vehicles that operate on cleaner fuels such as compressed natural gas. At the request of **Yomi Agunbiade**, DOE had redesigned the project to avoid trenching near the main part of the nursery and part of the nursery where the monthly plant sales occur. Since the last hearing two tours occurred and they met with concerned neighbors and members of the Sierra Club. Rick gave a report on the tours and then detailed the entire project with the Commission addressing the redesign of the trenching and noise issues.

Pinky Kushner representing the Sierra Club stated that although some of her concerns were taken care of there were residual questions. Those questions were in regard to the use of the station by city vehicles and how often it will be used, other types of CNG vehicles available, hours of operation and decibel level. She also stated that the neighbors had not been informed. **Yomi Agunbiade** responded to her concerns. There were questions and concerns of the Commission that staff addressed.

Lizzy Hirsch from the capital division gave a presentation on the process for the Mason Street closure in regard to 701 Lombard Street:

At the August 5th 2004 Special Meeting, the Commission requested staff to investigate a potential Mason Street Vacation as a result of the approved 701 Lombard acquisition. The vacation would add approximately 9,500 SF open space to the park. The following is an outline of the general steps required for such a street vacation; staff will be available at the meeting to further elaborate on the process.

In 2002 DPT reviewed the potential street vacation and stated that "we don't see any immediate reasons why this cannot be done"

B. Feasibility Phase (3-7 months)

1.Conduct Traffic Study
2. ISCOTT (Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation) reviews and makes comments. Meets every two weeks.

C. Street Vacation Enactment Phase (3-8 months)

1. Hire DPW (Department of Public Works) to coordinate process ($2,500 fee)
2. Apply for General Plan Referral through Planning Department (determination potentially linked to 701 Lombard which has been approved)
3. DPW solicits all impacted City agencies and Utility companies and requests a written report with an indication of their approval or opposition to the proposed vacation. Existing utilities may remain with reserved easement or may be relocated at applicants cost.

a. Known Utilities:
Storm Line below grade (can remain if no foundation work required)
Telephone Poles (above grade)

4. DPW makes recommendation to approve or disapprove proposed vacation to the DRE (Department of Real Estate).
5. DRE prepares legislation for submittal to the BOS (Board of Supervisors). The proposal is first vetted through a notified public hearing at the BOS committee level, and then if approved moved forward to the full BOS for a final determination.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the August 2004 meetings.
RES. NO. 0409-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve of a resolution to submit one grant application for the State of California, Recreational Trail Program to rehabilitate trails in Pine Lake Park.
RES.NO. 0409-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Landscape Conceptual Plan and project scope for improvements at the Murphy (South) Windmill in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0409-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the regular scheduled meeting of the Capital Committee for the first Thursday of every month, 1:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 416.
RES. NO. 0409-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the regular scheduled meeting of the Operations Committee for the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 416. **RES. NO. 0409-005**

GENERAL CALENDAR

KEZAR PARKING LOT BID PACKAGE
The current Manager, U.S. Parking Inc., has been managing the Kezar Parking Lot on a month-to-month basis since their 5-year lease with the Recreation and Park Department expired on July 31, 2004. Prior to this, the Department leased the lot to City Parking Company for the greater of 12.5% of monthly revenues up to $16,667 and 10.57% of monthly revenues over $16,667. The revenue received for FY 1998/1999, the

last year of their agreement, was $67,000.The current Management Agreement ealls for the Department to pay a Management Fee of $17,021 per month. Under this Management agreement, the net annual revenue after parking taxes and management fees for FY 2003/2004 was $320,000.

Highlighted terms of the proposed agreement are:

- 5-year term, with month-to-month option upon expiration.
- All receipts will be deposited into an account controlled by the City on a daily basis. The manager will be responsible for paying all necessary taxes.
- Monthly reports shall be submitted to the Department detailing collected parking receipts, parking usage and taxes collected and paid.
- "Draw-Down" maintenance account of $10,000 to be established and maintained by Manager.
- $20,000 security deposit required.

Greg Gaar stated that open space funds were used every year to acquire new park land and believed that there should be a sunset clause allowing this land to be returned to Golden Gate Park as parkland. **Isabel Wade** also spoke to the idea of returning this portion of Golden Gate Park to parkland. **Commissioner Murray** requested that staff do surveys parking lot users, neighborhood uses and utilization of the lot. **Commissioner Lazarus** and **Commissioner Martin** requested that a curb and internal landscaping plan be put together for this lot.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0409-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a bid package for the management of Kezar Parking Lot in Golden Gate Park.

CANDLESTICK PARK – REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

The Department received a request to waive permit fees ($800) to conduct a car swap meet in the parking lot of Candlestick Park for approximately 50 vendors on October 24, 2004 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This event has been held in the Parking Lot for the last 10 years and has benefited the Parks Trusts' support for Developmentally Disabled park users. The average donation from this event is $500. This item was heard at the Operations Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee requested additional information on the request. High Speed Productions was unable to produce the information requested, but did have a representative who again requested that the fee be waived.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0409-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does not approve the fee waiver for High Speed Productions, Inc. to conduct a car part swap meet in the parking lot at Candlestick Park.

KEZAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

In 1991, the Commission passed a resolution (No. 16191), which governed the use of the newly rebuilt Kezar Stadium. The resolution required the adoption of a transportation management plan for events exceeding 5,000 attendees. The Department employed the services of Mr. Richard Tilles, a transportation consultant with the Duffey Co., to develop a management plan. During the Fall of 2002, the draft plan was presented to the Kezar Advisory committee as well as the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Committee. Both groups felt the Plan lacked viable and specific recommendations to minimize negative impacts upon the immediate neighborhood.

During the Spring of this year staff also presented the Plan to SPUR's Transportation Committee. They made several recommendations including that the event sponsor add a vehicular parking surcharge in order to create an incentive for the use of public transportation. They also requested Department staff work with DPT staff to accelerate traffic signal modernization projects in the immediate area.

Plan Components:

The Plan made several basic assumptions including where attendees would come from, what form of transportation they would utilize, and how many vehicles would typically arrive for an event. It was assumed that 2,200 vehicles would to the area for an event with 10,000 spectators. The Plan also analyzed the number of off-street parking spaces available in the area in relationship to particular time periods and days of the week. It was determined that Saturdays afforded the most available spaces (over 2,100 off-street spaces and 500 spaces in the eastern end of Golden Gate Park).

Besides parking, the Plan also made specific recommendations related to transit, traffic controls, bicycle and pedestrian access, public information and general recommendations. The Plan called for increased MUNI operation to encourage the use of public transit as well as the assignment of parking control officers at specific intersections to facilitate traffic movement and ensure pedestrian safety. The Plan also recommended the creation of a monitored bicycle parking area adjacent to the Stadium and finally the implementation of a comprehensive public outreach program to encourage the use of public transit options.

Financial Impact:
Anticipated revenue associated with 10 annual events held at the Stadium is approximately $50,000.

On motion of **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0904-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the adoption of two pilot events – one at 7,000 and one at 10,000 – to evaluate the Kezar Stadium Transportation Management Plan.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
The Recreation and Park Department announced the completion of the assessment of recreation program offerings.

Driven by Strategic Plan recommendations, as well as PROSAC and community requests, in August 2002 an RFP was issued for a consultant to assist the Department in the assessment process. The Department selected Leon Younger and Pros. Leon Younger is the President of PROS Consulting. PROS are their name, as well as their philosophy. It stands for Progressive Results Optimized Solutions. Leon has over 25 years experience as a leader in the parks and recreation profession. Along with holding the position of Director of Parks and Recreation in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lake Metroparks in Lake County, Ohio and Jackson County, Missouri, Leon was also awarded the National Park and Recreation Association's Distinguished Professional Award in 1994 for his progressive and innovative thinking in management of public parks and recreation entities.

Working closely with the consultant, the project team (noted in the report) brings over 40 years-combined experience in the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Collectively, they bring experience in GIS mapping, Strategic and Operations Planning, Recreation Management and Recreation Programming.

Once the contract was awarded in April 2003, the project team began working with Leon Younger on the full program assessment. He and some of his staff came to San Francisco and took a tour of our facilities; staff interviews were done and from this, a list of core services was compiled. In July 2003, a staff questionnaire was sent to all staff from class 3280 to Assistant Superintendents. Also, in July and September of 2003, PROS conducted staff and community partner focus groups. In October 2003, the project team began working on GIS maps and benchmark information. In December 2003, the project team and consultant finalized the core program inventory and the benchmark information. In January 2004, the consultant, along with the project team, developed the citizen survey. The citizen survey was mailed out to 5,000 households and the mailing was followed up by phone calls, in April and May 2004, by Leisure Vision/ETC Institute. In July 2004, the Department received the first draft of the Summary Report and the final draft arrived on September 1, 2004.

All of these efforts resulted in the Recreation Assessment before the Commission today. The major goals set forth in the Document are:

Goal 1 – Develop consistent core programs and facility standards across the City so all participants and users receive a quality Recreation experience.

Goal 2 – Recreation services will meet community needs through effective use of demographic data and increased marketing and promotional efforts to inform users of service.

Goal 3 – Recreation facilities will be valued as community assets by upgrading and maintaining all indoor and outdoor facilities in need of major repair over a ten-year period to create a quality user experience and positive image for the City.

Goal 4 – Update existing and create new partnership agreements to establish balance and equity of each partner's investment, creating trust and eliminating entitlement.

Goal 5 – Reposition recreation services as a viable City service by developing an outcome based management culture that focuses on accountability and exceeding the needs of users while building as efficient and productive organization that operates in a proactive manner.

The consultant, Leon Younger, presented a detailed summary of the findings of the Recreation Assessment.

This item was for discussion only.

Reola Freeman stated that she thought the recreation assessment was an excellent report.

KIDPOWER PARK

This item was presented by Acting General Manager **Yomi Agunbiade.** He announced the opening of KidPower Park this weekend and stated the Department's desire and the desire of the community to set the hours of operation this park. **Ethel Newlin** representing St. John's Educational Center spoke in support of limited hours but requested that the closure be from sunset until either 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. She stated the they along with other groups were willing to open the park. **Yomi Agunbiade** explained that this was not just a kids park but a community park and that the Department would work with the Police Department and community groups to open and close the park and make sure there was police presence at the park while it was open. **Commissioner Bonilla** requested that staff review any issues concerning KidPower Park and if needed consider an exception to allow community groups to assist with the opening and closing of the park.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0409-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve park closure for KidPower Park from sunset until 6:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The City's voters have authorized a $116,690,000 contribution toward the reconstruction of the California Academy of Sciences (CAS), which consists of the proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to a $29,245,000 bond measure approved by the voters in 1995 for the improvement of the Aquarium facility and $87,445,000 bond measure approved in 2000 for improvements of the Academy facilities. In August 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved reconstruction of the facilities in Golden Gate Park. The Project entails substantial new construction and renovations, the demolition of 11 existing buildings totaling approximately 311,400 gross square feet, the substantial renovation of one building, Africa Hall, and an overall increase in floor space and a consolidation of exhibit space, resulting in a reduction in the overall footprint of the Academy's facilities. The $379 million budget for the Project also includes design and construction of entirely new exhibits for the museum and a $20 million increase in the Academy's endowment from private funds.

The Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids form pre-qualified trade contractors for the abatement and demolition of the existing facility. On August 20, six bids were received. Pacific State Environmental Contractors, Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder, submitting a construction base bid of $2,977,188.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0409-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract for the demolition of, and abatement of hazardous materials at, the California Academy of Sciences to Pacific States Contractors Environmental, Inc. in the amount of $2,977,188, subject to the sale of the 2000 Academy Facility Improvement General Obligation Bonds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Nulty spoke of his concern about a non city website for Boeddekker Park and overall concerns about the park. **Reola Freeman** discussed the First Tee Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

GAVIN NEWSOM, MAYOR

Recreation and Park Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, October 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. by Commission Vice President Gloria Bonilla.

ROLL CALL
Present:
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin

Absent:
John Murray

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UNION SQUARE

In spring of this year the Commission approved a permit for up to 35 five-foot heart sculptures to be placed on Recreation and Park property throughout the City. Hearts in San Francisco is a citywide public arts project that debuted in the spring of 2004. The concept is based on the "Cows on Parade" project, pioneered in Chicago. The San Francisco version incorporates several innovative aspects, including fundraising and compassionate community involvement, while nurturing artistic expression. Over the last few months, the hearts have captured the attention of residents and visitors to the City. The hearts will be removed at the end of this month and auctioned to benefit San Francisco General Hospital.

The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation is now requesting a 2-year license to place one heart designed and painted with acrylic paint, by Mr. Tony Bennett at Union Square. The heart is finished with a UV coating, weather and graffiti protection. The tentative date for the unveiling is October 25, 2004.

Summary of Terms

License Fee:	$1,200 for the term of the agreement
Term:	Two years
Security Deposit:	$1,000

A separate fee will be paid to MJM Management for maintenance and security of the Heart.

On motion made by Commissioner Bonilla and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0410-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a license agreement to "Hearts of San Francisco" to place "Tony Bennett's painted heart" in Union Square from October 25, 2004 to October 24, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss asked about a plaque honoring her at Ferry Park. Josh Hart stated his concerns in widening JFK Drive. Emeric Kalman had questions/concerns on the harbor and the Beach Chalet. George Amborsia asked for a fee waiver for the SF Junior Golf Tournament.

COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus requested information on legislation introduced at the Board of Supervisors in regard to prohibiting the keeping of elephants at the San Francisco Zoo by any City department or contractor. He also asked for a monthly report in regard to the Park Rangers – the crimes, duties the type of calls they are responding to. Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade explained the SF Stat reports and suggested that these would address his questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

GAVIN NEWSOM, MAYOR

Recreation and Park Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, October 26, 2004

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 26, 2004 at 9:32 a.m. by Commission President John Murray.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gordon Chin
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin

Absent:
Gloria Bonilla

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Bill Wilson gave announce the new officers of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee: Chair – Patrick Hannan, First Vice Chair – Arthur Chang and Second Vice Chair – Bill Wilson.

Lydia Z gave a brief presentation on the Department's Strategic plan.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

From Jim Dudley: an armoire donation valued at $500.00.
In-kind donation of pressure washing sidewalk at Alta Plaza Park valued at $200.00.

The General Manager approved the following trips:

Events of Last Month:

Chinese Recreation Center
200+ spectators enjoyed the 18 and under basketball league Championship game on Friday, September 24, when the 1st place team from the Western Conference defeated the 1st place team from the Eastern Conference. 15 teams competed from throughout the City.

15 school children registered for afterschool program, which includes tutoring and homework help, arts& crafts, sports, cooking and in-town field trips.

Invitations for the 27th Annual Holiday Classic Christmas Basketball Tournament on Dec. 17, 18 and 19 have been sent out and over 750 spectators are expected to attend. The event honors Clarence "Swede" Nelson and Ken Lowe, who was a good friend, Director, Supervisor and Advisor to the Committee.

Chinese Playground

On September 14, the Chinatown Commuity Development Center (CCDC) Tenants Community Resources Carnival was held and included guest speakers Police Chief Heather Wong, Captain Tacchini from Central Police District 3 and Supervisor Aaron Peskin from District 3. There were Health & Safety workshops, games, raffles, prizes, a tour of Chinatown alleyways and lunch. Over 40 people attended.

Portsmouth Square Recreation Center
On Tuesday, September 7, Robin Ho from the Department of Elections held a workshop entitled, "November 2, Election day" the content of which was: Why vote?, Who can vote?, Absentee voting, what is on the ballot and how you can earn money by being a poll worker. Almost 90 people attended.

On Tuesday, September 14, a Moon Festival luncheon and Karaoke event was held for over 150 participants. The fabulous feast was prepared by Jessica Luu and family. The music and games were great...gifts and prizes were awarded. It was an enjoyable time for all.

On September 21 and 28, due to community requests, the Asian Pacific Island Legal Outreach repeated their workshop entitled "Elderly Abuse". Discussion included seniors being threatened, hit, deprived of medication and their social security checks being stolen. Other abuses brought to light were: money taken without consent from their accounts, not being allowed visitors, telephone calls or mail. Over 85 people attended these workshops.

On September 28, Dora Ho from Chinese Community Health Plan returned to discuss "Medicare 2004-Drug Discount" with 90 seniors".

Woh Hei Yuen
30 school children are enrolled in the Afterschool Program that offers bi-lingual homework help, arts & crafts, sports, games and field trips.

Civic Center Complex
(2 people have been maintaining the parks in this complex for the majority of the month)

Banners and food heralded the "Delectable Day of Play" for foster children at Civic Center on September 18.

On September 25, Civic Center hosted the Pilipino "American Idol". On September 26, the World Peace Concert was performed.

Thomas Wang and Neil Nilmeyer did extra preparation at South Park for the Neighborhood Parks Council's "South Park Gala" held on September 30.

North Beach Complex
Perennial beds cleared and prepared for planting of winter annuals.
Huntington Park crew project repaired gaps in hedges by planting large boxwood.

Marina Complex
Putting greens at Moscone underwent seasonal renovation of aeration, sanding and overseeding with assistance from Lincoln Golf Course's equipment.
Moscone Rec Center: Daycare Provider, Tiny Tots and Kids Gym programs began the week of September 13th. Average participation per program is 25. Soccer, basketball, tennis, gardening, ceramics programs being offered this fall.

New signs went up at the Palace of Fine Arts informing Neighbors and visitors of the plans to renovate and to encourage support. Work on the roof of the rotunda continues. Weddings are in full swing on the weekends and will continue until the middle of October. A new rosebed replaced the old annual bed on the corner of Baker and Bay Sts. Work continues on the redesigning of the corner at Richardson/Lyon.

At Julius Kahn, the Presidio Trust presented preliminary ideas to make some traffic changes on West Pacific. They also removed a huge area of Cypress trees near Julius Kahn. Also, ongoing tennis, crafts and music programs at JK.

September 11 brought the Community Clean Team to Alta Plaza (4 people!), Lafayette Park (about 12 people), Moscone Recreation Center (about 8 people) and the Palace of Fine Arts (about 50 people). They cleaned, raked, pruned, weeded, loaded up the trucks and had a lot of fun doing it. Lunch was provided and many agencies came together to bring this about. Even Supervisorial candidates pitched in!

Moscone Satellite

Margaret Hayward Playground
Beginning on Friday, September 3, 2004 children from the M. Hayward Playground have been participating in the "First Tee" golf program at Harding Park Golf Course. Approximately 7 to 12 boys and girls have been learning golf and life skills. This program consists of six (6) sessions. Children are placed in groups according to age and ability and have requirements and goals to complete to move on to the next level of participation. This program is every Friday.

Laurel Hill:
After being closed all summer for renovation Laurel Hill finally opened on Monday, September 27th. Programs being offered are tiny tots, tennis classes and arts and crafts.

Cow Hollow:
Tiny tots, music and arts and crafts daily.

Presidio Hts.:
Latchkey program with twenty-two children enrolled.

Tenderloin Satellite
Gene Friend Recreation Center hosted the SOMAFEST on Sept. 25 which was an "over the top" community collaboration. The Toddler percussion group continues successfully as do the ARC group cooking, arts and life skills classes. Rec. directors are coaching six basketball teams who are representing SOMA in the PAL league. The Senior Bingo, Nutrition Program and Food Bank Distribution are all well attended.

The Boeddeker Park also participates in the Senior Food Bank Program giving goodies to the community. Our Senior Club meets weekly and they are planning events for the fall. We are proud that the computer program is running with drop-in enrollment increasing every day. The Christian Academy now uses the children's area again regularly for P.E. classes. Also the children's Bike Club meets regularly every Wednesday. The Tenderloin Police Station sponsored the 2nd annual BMX Children's bike event in the park on Sept. 23. There is free HIV Testing every Thursday at Boeddeker from 9:00 am –5:00 pm. The weekly Music in the Park series ended its three month run on Sept. 7. The Boeddeker Park Birthday Club served 25 people on Sept. 18 with some good old ice cream and cake. This event takes place the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Ten students from the Tenderloin Children's Playground were awarded $500 scholarships from the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center! Congratulations to them.

On Sept 15 the 2nd Annual Job Fair sponsored by the Indo-Chinese Housing Development Center. It brought over 250 job seekers. Thirty agencies ranging from health car, hotels, police, fire, muni and US postal to apprenticeship programs in carpentry, electrical, roofing, to jobs in youth related careers (R&P, YMCA & Girl Scouts).

On Sept 23 the Girl's Club hosted Kid's Day. Thirty five children participated in relay races and a Hula Hoop contest sponsored by the15 club members and their rec director and sponsors. Penny prizes were given out to all participants. The Girl's Club members look forward to contributing to their community and to the playground.

Sept. 24 we celebrated Tet Trung Thu Moon Festival which is an annual playground and community event. It is co-sponsored by the Vietnamese Youth Development Center. Dancing, music, skits, telling folktale stories are a part of the celebration. There was a Lantern Parade and sweet treats at the end of the parade.

On Sept 25 twelve children from the playground were chosen to participate in the World Peace Music Awards. It was a live concert to honor musicians who stand for peace through their music and personal actions. The children had a "once in a lifetime experience" being on stage singing and dancing to Lionel Ritchie's song "One World" Only one rehearsal at the Hilton was given to make this all happen. The artists honored include: Joan Baez, Peter Paul & Mary, Bob Dylan, Harry Belafonte, Trinh Cong Son and Country Joe McDonald. Lionel Ritchie was very gracious and friendly.

In collaboration with the 509 Cultural Center, our kids participated in 2 separate projects that will continue through Nov. 15. One project has to do with construction of a hut made of clay, mud, sticks and bamboo.

An exhibition, dance will be featured at the playground in October. Fifteen children and 5 teen have already participated. The Tenderloin Youth Sports Initiative and the S.F. School of Ballet are offering playground kids a series of Afro, Hawaiian, and Hip Hop dance on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 for free. Neighborhood Park Council's Annual Gala celebrating "Art in the Park" auctioned off ceramic pots painted by our playground teens. Three of our teens created colorful bright images of flowers, suns, stars and insects.

On Sept 9, the Harvey Milk Photo Center held an exhibit for "Lighthouse" by a consortium of photographers/students from CCSF, several of whom are members of the Center. On Sept. 18 PARIS, a slide show showed a walk around the city, monuments, shops, restaurants, the River Seine, Monet's Giverny, Versailles, people, neighborhoods and food, food and more food! On Sept 22 PHOTO SALONS was the first of a series of slide shows by and for our community curated by Chloe Atkins (a photo center instructor). Sept 25 was the beginning of "FIRST EXPOSURES" a thirteen week class for young teens ((Middle school). Each student works with an adult mentor for the duration of the class to learn the rudiments of black and white photography. Sept 25 was our gigantic photography swap. Members of the public met to buy and sell used photo equipment.

The Harvey Milk Drama Dance Center's San Francisco Free Civic Theatre held auditions for the fall 2004 production of "Sleep Till Noon" by Max Shulman on Sept. 8, 9 and 10. Rehearsal began on Sept. 14 for the production in November. *The San Francisco Civic Symphony began practices on Wed. nights and all are welcome to join. The first fall concert is October 24 at the St Francis Drake Hotel.

*Midnight Music is proud to add an additional young teen band class to the Center bringing the total to five. They practice weekly and perform whenever possible. *On Sept. 25 Music To my Ears A Road Show showcased all of these groups at the Duboce Park Festival. The event was a collaborative with the Friends of Duboce Park. Also performing that day was the Whelen School of Irish Dance, Hawaiian Dance, and The Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Co.
*The Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Co. auditioned for The Pajama Game in early Sept. and is now rehearsing for the production in January.

*The Ethnic-Jazz Dance began the fall session early September and is presenting Latin flavored choreography to up tempo salsa-rumba music from Latin America and West Africa. New and current students are learning and enjoying this unique style combining Jazz, ballet, and ethnic techniques. The Center continues to offer weekly classes in Yoga, Capoeira, Dance workout classes, Ballroom Dance, Tap, Line Dance, Folk Dance and Hula. We also offer Musical Tiny Tots and a Senior Citizen Club. The Golden Gate Park Band practices here on Sundays.

Awards and Honors:

Follow-Up from Past Commission Meetings:

Items of Interest

Join the Visitacion Valley Greenway Project and the San Francisco Public Library for free samba lessons at Campbell/Rutland Mini-Park, this Saturday, October 16, from noon to 1 p.m.
Calling all Rockers…if you love rock & roll then it stands to reason that you'll love Rock Posters!!! Join the Rock Poster Society on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Hall of Flowers (County Fair Building) located on 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park, to see vintage rock posters and other cool rock & roll items. All members of the public are welcome.
The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department monthly work parties are in full force this weekend on October 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the following locations: Friends of Boedekker Park and Friends of Glen Canyon. You are welcome to attend any of these ongoing park gardening and beautification projects; to find out more, please call 752-7265.
It's that time of year again and we have just the thing you need to keep you in the squash! Don't miss the Fall Plant and Pumpkin Sale, Saturday October 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Golden Gate Park Nursery on 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (off Lincoln Way). All proceeds from this sale will directly benefit the Nursery's cultivation of new plants for San Francisco's parks! The pumpkins are grown by the Department's own Project Insight participants!
A big thank you will go out to all the volunteers and staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to make great things happen in all of our parks, open spaces and playgrounds. Join us for a celebration/appreciation event on Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts. Sign up is required by October 13. Please call 753-7247 or email suzanna.buehl@sfgov.org.
Please don't miss the Friends of Sharon Arts Studio's Gala Fundraiser and Silent Auction, Sunday, October 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Golden Gate Park. This is a free event, with food and pottery and stained glass demonstrations. Your donations and bidding on items at the fundraiser will help raise funds that will benefit the art studio and help continue to provide wonderful intergenerational art access to the citizens of San Francisco. For more information, please call 753-7005, or visit www.sharonartstudio.org.
The First Annual Community Garden Harvest event will be held at McKinley Square and its Potrero Hill Community Garden on October 17th (Sunday), from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be informative workshops, a BBQ, and activities for kids, supplied by Rec and Park. There will also be a plant swap, so please bring plants to share! The event is being co-sponsored by Rec and Park and SF FOG (Friends of Gardening).
Are you interested in learning more about the new potties that will be installed next year at the Panhandle in Golden Gate Park? If you are, then please join the Department's very own Keith Kawamura at a community design meeting on Monday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Park Police Station. For more information on the meeting, please call 581-2546. All the world is invited to attend!
On October 23, the Department's Volunteer Office will host a Rhododendron Island Celebration to recognize the tremendous efforts of One Brick Volunteers and RPD Staff in the renovation of this park land. For more information, contact Kristin Bowman at 753-7265.
All are welcome to attend the free Fall 2004 SF Natural History Series lectures at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Randall Museum, located at 199 Museum Way. The next lecture will be on Thursday, October 28, discussing "the state of the bay" with Brenda Goeden from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. For more information, contact the Randall Museum at 554-9600.
Look forward to a special edition of our weekly e-bulletin with all things spooky coming your way later this month...ghoulish events for your family and friends, safety tips and Halloween Hotspots. Also, send in photos of you or your costumed kids or friends and we'll publish the scariest of them all. For more information, call our Public Information Office at 831-2782.

Department Programs
The semiannual San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Activities Guide has hit the streets to rave reviews! Please contact the Department at 831-2782 if you would like one sent to you, or look on our website for information on events and services at www.parks.sfgov.org.

The Department's Teen Programs Division presents a bowling league for youths, ages 10 to 13 years, beginning October 21, at Serra Bowl (3301 Junipero Serra Bowl in Daly City), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday. To sign up for this league please call Jackie Battle at 934-4858 by October 14.
Superb news from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Midnight Music Program!... If you are a beginning or intermediate ukulele player and are 7 years old or older, now is your chance to strum with SF's favorite ukulele teacher, Fran Gray! This is a free class beginning Friday, October 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. for beginners, and 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for continuing students. These classes are every Friday until November 12, at Sunset Recreation Center on 28th Avenue and Lawton Street. For more information, please call Pat Wiley at 554-9524.
Also, as part of the Department's "Close Encounters of a Musical Mind" program, the Midnight Music Program is offering free violin classes for kids, ages 8 to 10 years. These classes are held on Wednesday afternoons, from October 13 to November 10--- 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning students; 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for continuing students; and 4:30 to 5:30 for intermediate students. For more information or to sign up for these classes, please call Pat Wiley at 554-9524.

Congratulations and Thanks
Congratulations to recreation director and tennis coordinator Jake Hall! Thank you so much for your support of the Tennis Aces program for youth in San Francisco. Your collaboration with the SF Junior Tennis League, USTA Norcal and many other community partners has allowed hundreds of youths an opportunity to receive free tennis lessons!! Thanks again for helping the Department deliver its mission to the people of SF!
Congratulations to the Neighborhood Parks Council on the success of its recent gala on September 30. This year's "Celebrating Art in the Park" was a huge success! If you would like to see pictures of the event or learn more about the magical evening, go to www.sfneighborhoodparks.org.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the September 2004 meeting.
RES. NO. 0410-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0410-003**

DONATION FROM:

Jake Niebaum PO Box 122 El Granada, CA 94018 USDA – N/A	0.0.3 Pacu
Steinhart Aquarium 875 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103	0.0.2 Pacu 0.0.1 Arawanna 0.0.3 Orangespot stingray

DONATION TO:

Steinhart Aquarium 875 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103	0.0.50 Cichlid
Wildcare 76 Albert Lane San Rafael, CA 94915	1.0 Virginia opossum

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a rent credit for the replacement of the deck fencing around the Sharp Park Restaurant banquet room. **RES. NO. 0410-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the Kemper Sports Management/Harding Park LLC, to contract with the American Junior Golf Association to hold the AJGA Junior Championship, sponsored by American Express at Harding Park from September 2-5, 2005. **RES. NO. 0410-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase of construction budget from $698,558 to $1,012,653, and a 366 day extension of time, from 822 to 1,188 consecutive calendar days, in order to substantially complete Phase IA of the Murphy (South) Windmill in Golden Gate Park.
RES. NO. 0410-006

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the signage program for Golden Gate Park.
RES. NO. 0410-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does confirm the authority of Pacific Gas and Electric to install, operate and maintain its facilities within the Golden Gate Park to provide temporary construction power to the Music Concourse Underground Parking Facility and to provide temporary construction power to the California Academy of Sciences. **RES. NO. 0410-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit California Cultural and Historical Endowment grant applications to the California State Library Department in order to provide funding for conceptual plans for Sunnyside Conservatory Renovation, Harvey Milk Performing Arts Center, 24th and York Mini Park and Golden Gate Park South (Murphy) Windmill Project. **RES. NO. 0410-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit 2002 Resource Bond Act State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program grant applications for Argonne Playground, Sunnyside Park and La Raza/Potrero Del Sol Park to fund capital improvements at these sites.
RES. NO. 0410-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Master Plan for the Sunnyside Playground and Clubhouse. **RES. NO. 0410-011**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the construction contract amount in excess of 10%, from $862,000 to a maximum of $1,192,000, and a extension of time, from 120 consecutive calendar days, to a maximum of 162 consecutive calendar days, due to hidden concrete crack and spall repair, electrical improvements, and worker safety improvements at the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda Roof Replacement Project. **RES. NO. 0410-012**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a professional services contract for Phase II (IIA and IIB) of the Palace of Fine Arts Buildings, Lagoon, and Grounds Restoration Project to Carey and Company, Inc., as Executive Preservation Architect, for a maximum not-to-exceed fee of $1,007,737.50. This agreement will incorporate and supercede the Phase IIA Agreement, awarded by the Commission on May 20, 2004, by Resolution No. 0405-003, subject to the certification of funds. **RES. NO. 0410-013**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors, approval of a gift authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept a gift-in-place value up to $430,385 from the San Francisco Park Trust for Lake Merced studies and improvements. **RES. NO. 0410-014**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with Good Tidings Foundation ("GTF") to allow GTF to use a portion of Monster Park for office space. **RES. NO. 0410-015**

GENERAL CALENDAR

MCLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE

McLaren Park golf course is a 9-hole facility originally designed by Jack Fleming to add an additional golfing opportunity for the citizens in the southern portion of the City. Unlike other City-owned golf course, McLaren is currently privately maintained and operated. Although the city maintained the course when it opened in 1961, the property soon became a privately leased operation when fiscal constraints force the City to find as private operator to maintain and operate the course. The most recent lessee, Mr. Erik deLambert has operated the course, first, through a 20-year lease signed by the Mayor in 1980 and, since the expiration of that lease, on a month-to-month tenancy.

The Recreation and Park Department conducted a Request for Proposals bidding process last year for this concession, authorized by the Recreation and Park Commission. Although three proposals were submitted, various missing elements in them forced staff to deem them all unresponsive. The City Attorney confirmed the validity of this opinion and the process was canceled. Mr. deLambert agreed to continue operations an additional year to allow the Department ample time to select an operator.

On August 19, 2004 the commission authorized the Department to issue a new RFP for the lease, operation and maintenance of McLaren. The RFP was published on August 25, 2004 and a total of 12 copies were distributed to interested parties. A pre-bid conference was held at the course on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 to answer general questions concerning the RFP and to specifically present new information from the Human Rights Commission and relevant documentation that was to be completed and included with any submitted proposals. Six people representing four entities attended that conference.

On the proposal due date, September 22, 2004, one company submitted a proposal. Copies of the proposal, along with scoring parameters, were distributed to the three Selection Panel members. The panel met on Monday morning, September 27, 2004, to interview the prospective candidate and complete the scoring process. Roel Villacarlos of HRC was present to observe and monitor the interview and scoring process. Out of a possible collective 300 points, the panel awarded 209 points to Gleneagles Golf Partners, LP.

If approved by the Commission, staff will immediately begin negotiations based on the terms and conditions of the sample lease that is part of the Commission package. Although the RFP stated the Department would consider a term of up to 20 years, Gleneagles Golf Partners, LP and staff agree an initial term of nine years would be appropriate, will possible option years.

Although Tom Hsieh and Craig Lipton of Gleneagles Golf Partners have not personally managed a golf course, they have golfed McLaren for many years and are both well versed in not only eccentricities of the course, but also well aware of the challenges ahead in marketing and expanding the operation. Wisely, they intend to retain the current management team assembled by Mr. deLambert that, collectively, has more than adequate experience to satisfy the requirements in the RFP.

Their philosophy, as evidenced in the interview process, is one based on a belief that McLaren is a hidden jewel in many ways and is ripe for enthusiastic marketing and development plan. Their hands-on approach in these areas will bring a much needed element to McLaren that has been largely absent. Tom Hsieh is the general partner in Hsieh and Associates, a community outreach entity specializing in public affairs. Craig Lipton, a former senior associate with Arroyo & Coates, Inc. and who now head Maven Investments, currently owns business and residential properties with a total market value in excess of $40 million.

Gleneagles Golf partners, LP plans to invest an estimated $250,000 into the course during the first 5-6 years of operation to:

- Improve the entrance, clubhouse, kitchen and patios areas
- Perform much-needed tree work on the course
- Lease/purchase new course maintenance equipment
- Lease new golf carts

- Review and renovate existing cart paths
- Install a driving range
- Repair and/or replace perimeter fencing
- Repair parking lot

Possible add forward trees to make the course more use-friendly to junior and senior golfers

On motion made by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0410-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does affirm the recommendation of the Selection Panel for Gleneagles Golf Partners, LP to lease, maintain and manage the McLaren Park Golf Course, and to authorize Department staff to enter into exclusive negotiations with that entity.

UNION SQUARE

Union Square, since the renovation, has experienced increased usage including more people coming to the Square for the Emporio Rulli Café and the ticket service offered by the Theatre Bay Area. In addition, more people are utilizing the Internet and wireless services today and having free access in Union Square would satisfy that need.

This is a pilot program for 90 days with Unwire Now, Inc. for the placement of a point-to-point antenna on the decorative roof of the elevator enclosure, an Access Point inside the street elevator tray, a DSL modem/router in the telecommunications closet, and a Power over Ethernet Connector also in the telecommunications closet, all of which are located at Union Square Garage. This is in order to supply, install and operate a wireless access point at Union Square Plaza for the Benefit of the City. The pilot program may, at the City's sole discretion, be extended for up to a total of one year.

There will be no charge to the City for use of the Equipment, and the City will not charge the Permittee for the right to place equipment on City property. Other than the initial computer screen displaying the Terms and Conditions of Use, where the Permittee's logo is at the bottom of the screen, the wireless network will not be used by the Permittee, or any other entity, for any sales solicitation, advertising or profit making purposes.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0410-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does grant a revocable permit to Unwire Now, Inc. for the placement of an antenna on the decorative rooftop of the elevator enclosure in Union Square in order to provide wireless access service in Union Square free of charge to users, for a 90 day pilot program, with a possibility of an extension for a total term of one year at the Department's discretion.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY REDUCTION PLAN

The City has been faced with projected shortfalls in the millions of dollars over the last three budget years. Recovery from the economic downturn experienced following the failure of the dot-com era and the terrorist events of 9/11 has been prolonged, thus, revenue growth assumptions over the last few years have not come to fruition. This current fiscal year presents the City with a number of key risks and areas of heightened uncertainty that are particularly concerning as we proceed through FY 2004-05. Particularly concerning at this point are the potential reductions that may occur in the Department should Propositions J and K not pass. The value of the two-tax measure in the current fiscal year is estimated at $25 million – in FY 05-06 the assumed value is $70 million. Thus, over an 18-month period the City may lose an estimated $95 million if these measures do not pass.

While the Department has suffered in terms of substantial reductions in General Fund support over the last three years, we have implemented creative alternative to deleting staff positions and closing facilities in the face of reduction. However, there is a point where we can no longer assume reductions where we "do more

with fewer resources" and continue to creatively implement new revenue streams and increased efficiencies without adequate funding to do so. The Department is at that point. It is with this in mind that the Mayor's Office is requesting your considerations of a contingency reduction plan involving closures of recreation and aquatic facilities in various sections throughout the City.

When asked to come up with this plan, the Department began by reviewing the contingency plan submitted during the FY 04-05 budget process. At the same time, we have just completed the reallocation of recreation staff citywide based on implementation of the facility magnitude assessment described during the budget process. Given the extent of reduction in recent years and the reallocation of recreation staff based on minimum staffing levels, the Department has no recourse but to suggest closures as its contingency plan. At this point, it seems advisable to preserve quality programming and staffing levels at a smaller number of facilities rather than compromising this quality by reallocating staff below minimum staffing levels.

Basically, the proposal includes the closure of 11 of 74 recreation facilities citywide – a 15% reduction of centers currently open to the public. We would implement this based on the facilities assessed magnitude level. Closures would occur as follows:

- Level 5 2 of 17 to close;
- Level 3 – 6 of 35 to close;
- Level 2 – 3 of 17 to close; and
- No SFUSD facilities would be staffed

Staff reductions would include 32 FTE recreation personnel – 30 FTE recreation directors and 2 FTE recreation supervisors. This encompasses 15% of the Department's currently filled recreation positions.

As part of this contingency reduction plan, the Department would close pools rotationally during the fiscal year. The Department has a total of nine pools, eight indoor and one outdoor. One of the eight indoor pools will remain closed for renovation during FY 04-05. Of the remaining seven pools, one will close for two months on a rotational basis throughout the fiscal year. This reduces accessibility to facilities geographically but distributes effect of reduction citywide. Staff reductions would include 5FTE aquatics personnel – 4 FTE swim instructors and 1FTE senior swim instructor. This encompasses 13% of the Department's currently filled aquatics positions.

During FY 04-05, with implementation of the plan to be effective January 15, 2005 through June 30, 2005 – savings is estimated at $968,000. Annualized for FY 05-06 savings is estimated at $2.5 million. There was detailed discussion and questions to staff by the Commission.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0410-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a contingency plan of potential reductions of the Recreation and Park Department should Propositions J and K not pass.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 10:37 a.m.

The Commission reconvened into open session at 10:54 a.m.

The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

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Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

January 20, 2005

Commission President John Murray called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present:
John Murray
Gordon Chin
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin

Absent:
Gloria Bonilla

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Peg Stevenson with the Office of the Controller introduce Linda Young who gave a detailed update on "Standards and Schedules" per Proposition C that the Controller's office has done in conjunction with the Department in regard to Proposition C. She also answered questions from the Commission.

Quadrant 1

St. Mary's
Crew worked on completing performance objectives (installation of weed block fabric and chips in shrub beds. The field renovation project was completed at St. Mary's field & and the Dog Play Area (DPA) The field will be in good condition and ready for play this spring.

Heat restored @ St. Mary's (boiler replaced starting end November). Thanks to all the crafts for a job well done!

Holly Park
Field Renovation Project Completed

Glen Park
Field Renovation Project Completed

Field @ Glen Park took some severe damage the last week of Dec. – a van drove out onto the field after heavy rains, got stuck and had a hard time getting out (from the looks of the field). Recreation staff did an excellent job of getting as much info as possible and reporting the incident to Police. Recreation staff also followed up when the vehicle was sighted in the area a few days later. As a result we will be able to get reimbursement for the cost of the repair. Thanks Liz Gee, Karen McCoy and staff at Glen Park and thanks to John McGill (the gardener) – the damage has been repaired; the areas reseeded and roped off. Hopefully we can keep the field from taking any more major damage and continue improving field conditions for the 2000+ permitted games (avg.) played each year as well as the myriad of casual uses on a daily basis.

Bernal Heights/Hamilton Satellite

Bernal Heights
Won first place in the "Holiday Shortstuff" Basketball Tournament.
Holiday Fair free food, games and crafts for 60 youth and teens.

Christopher Playground
Director Margo Reed organized the "Holiday Shortstuff "Basketball Tournament which had 6 teams and 67 youth.

Grattan Playground
Nanny Pot Luck
Holiday Caroling – 51 children participated
15 children went ice skating
Tiny Tot Party
Community Family Pot Luck
Senior Holiday Picnic at Muir Woods

Hamilton Recreation Center
Workreation workshop 12 Participants
Completion of Young Teen Basketball Bingo 15 Participants
Senior Holiday Party 100 seniors attended

Hayes Valley Playground
Holiday Toy and Food Give away 228 food baskets were distributed
Lunch Holiday party for 210 people
Toy give- away 163 children

Upper Noe Recreation Center
Senior Luncheon
Supported the MRC AAU Holiday Basketball Tournament
Started a weekly basketball clinic 15 Children Participated

Mission Satellite

Glen Park
Hosted the "Short Stuff" Holiday Basketball Tournament
Tiny Tot Holiday Party 13 Children Attended
Latchkey Holiday Party 18 Children Participated
Glen Park Hiking Group Holiday Party 15 participants
Senior Citizens Bridge Group Holiday Party 12 participants

Mission Playground
Holiday Celebration 60 participants
Fall Table Tennis League 10 participants

Mission Recreation Center

11th Annual Youth Basketball Tournament: 46 teams, 19 boys' teams and 27 girls' teams grades 5th – 8th
The tournament was held at Mission Rec. Center, St. Mary's and Upper Noe
2nd Annual Girls' AAU Basketball Holiday Party 80 girls and their families participated
Latchkey Holiday Party – 25 participants
9th Annual Community Holiday Party 725 participants – 400 gifts were distributed
Outing to Yerba Buena Ice Skating Ring – 15 children participated
Community Service: 12 youth held decorate a neighbor's tree for the holidays

St. Mary's
Outing to Warrior's Basketball game: 10 teens participated.
Senior Holiday Party 24 participants
Tiny Tot Holiday Party 38 participants
Basketball Camp for 6 – 15 year olds. 63 participants
Girls Basketball Scrimmage – 16 participants

Christopher/Noe Complex

Christopher
Assisted Sod Crew in installation of new in-field
Deferred maintenance projects completed: Stairway Cleared

Corona Heights
Removed homeless encampment

Grattan
Deferred maintenance projects accomplished: Trimmed Hedges (20 feet tall)

Western Addition Complex
Park Section Supervisor: Anthony Tudoni

Hamilton
Field Renovation Completed
Re-sodded Soccer Field

Kimball
Field Renovation Completed

Lang
Field Renovation Completed
Perennials Planted

Jefferson
Perennials Planted

Koshland
Weed eating,
Chips placed
Annuals planted

Alamo Square
Annuals planted
Rose Beds planted with volunteers

Buena Vista
Soil erosion prevention
Planting shrubs, perennials, trees w/volunteers

Quadrant Celebrations – A Staff Appreciation Meeting was held to celebrate the accomplishments of 2004. Supervisory staff hosted the meeting which included a power point presentation showing our employees at work and highlighting the good work that was accomplished over the year. Service pins were awarded to 10, 20, and 30 year Employees.

Quadrant Challenges
Staffing levels continue to be a challenge especially in landscaping and maintenance where staff is attempting to manage the maintenance needs of multiple facilities with 50% (and less) staffing levels. Supervisors have cautioned that the existing crew is only able to manage because we are in the winter months which are considered the "slow period." However, maintenance issues will quickly become critical this spring and summer.

Quadrant 2

The month of December has been one of parties, social and annual events and reunions for many.
A holiday potluck luncheon was held at the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Grove on Friday, December 10th. Over 75 people, including park maintenance staff, recreation staff, past supervisors and retirees feasted on the vast buffet of international foods. Everyone enjoyed the event and had the opportunity to "catch up" with others that they do not have contact with during their everyday duties. The Quadrant 2 supervisory staff worked very hard on this successful event that brought together staff from both disciplines.....recreation and park. Kudos, on a job well done!

Moscone Satellite
All the facilities were nicely decorated for the holidays and the staff had a good time with the community.

Moscone Recreation Center
Monday, December 6th & Wednesday, December 8th: The Tiny Tot Classes held parties which included potluck lunch, present exchange and a visit from Santa.

Thursday, December 9th: The Senior Club enjoyed a luncheon at Caesar's Restaurant to celebrate the season. 15 Seniors participated. Singing and gift exchange.

Friday, December 17th: The annual Holiday Party for the community was held in the afternoon. Several craft booths and a couple of toss games kept the children busy as Santa readied a wonderful lunch including candy canes, of course. The Senior Club participated by setting up and serving the lunch.

Thursday, December 30th: A parent/child playday, which included indoor soccer, floor hockey, lunch and crafts was held.

Hedges trimmed near the putting greens.

Hayward Playground
Wednesday, December 15th: 75 children attended the annual holiday party, which included food, crafts, Santa and present exchange.

Monday, December 20th: A total of 25 children from Hayward and Presidio Heights Playgrounds went ice skating at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. The children had a great time.

Thursday, December 30th: 15 children had a wonderful time bowling at the Yerba Buena Bowling Center.

Cow Hollow Playground
Wednesday, December 15th: 85 children and their parents attended its annual holiday party and enjoyed the day of crafts, treats and Santa.

Presidio Heights Playground
Thursday, December 16th: Celebrated the season with holiday craft projects all week long. A special cookie making class was held on this date. 20 children and some parents participated.

Monday, December 20th: A total of 25 children from Presidio Heights and Hayward Playgrounds went ice skating at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. The children had a great time.

Julius Kahn Playground
Wednesday, December 22nd: Celebrated the season with an afternoon party which included snacks and art projects.

Tree toppers removed compromised cypress tree and pruned two others.

Lafayette Park
Entire park edged. Trees pruned on Laguna Street. Urban Forestry crew removed puttosporum trees adjacent to the tennis courts, which will be replaced with native trees -- Arbutus Marina planted in place.

Saturday, December 4th: Lafayette Friends Volunteer Day. Renovated the perennial bed in the lawn area, weeded and cleaned up the park.

Palace of Fine Arts
Work continuing on the rotunda roof. Trees and hedges planted on the Richardson Triangle.

Alta Plaza Park
Work continues on the tennis/sports courts. Graffiti removal on the cobblestone wall.

Marina Greens/Sunbathers Meadow/Gashouse Cove
Large Cypress limb down from the storm during the week of December 6th. Continuing work across from the Yacht Club.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Wednesday, December 1st: Christmas Field Trip for youth – Bulgarian Chorus.

Thursday, December 2nd: Field Trip for youth – Christmas tree lighting at McLaren Lodge.

Friday, December 3rd: Monthly Senior birthday party.

Saturday, December 4th: PAL 5th Grade Boys win Basketball Championship. PAL 4th Grade Co-ed win Basketball Championship.

Wednesday, December 8th: Host site for Mayor's Office "Project Connect" event. Youth participated at the Christmas Caroling event at City Hall.

Sunday, December 12th: Seniors Christmas Party – Mayor's Food Program.

Tuesday, December 14th & Wednesday, December 15th: Youth goes Ice Skating at Justin Herman Plaza.

Friday, December 17th: Annual Youth and Family Christmas Party. The SFPD donated many gifts for the children.

Wednesday, December 22nd: Senior Ballroom Dancing Holiday Party.

Boeddeker Park
Wednesday, December 15th: Youth went Ice Skating.

Wednesday, December 15th: the Elks Club presented 6 youngsters from Boeddeker Park bicycles for good behavior and character.

Saturday, December 18th: "Youth With A Mission" Christmas Food Program.

Tuesday, December 21st: Boeddeker Park Youth Christmas Party.

Thursday, December 23rd: Glide Memorial Christmas Toy Giveaway.

Over 200 plants were planted, including yarrow, annuals (digitalis, calendulas and pansies) and fruit trees.

Tenderloin Children's Playground

Friday, December 3rd: Tree Viewing at Davis Symphony Hall. Twelve children between the ages of 8 – 12 years created large Christmas ornaments for 2 trees located on the 2nd floor of Davies Symphony Hall. The ornaments were made with recyclable materials, which have an outer-space theme. Spaceships, starships, aliens and shooting stars were created.

Saturday, December 4th: "509 Cultural Center Skateboarding Event" was an exhibition from an Art Center located at 509 Ellis Street, displaying simple skateboarding techniques using ramps, pipes, boards and wooden boxes. The children from the Tenderloin Children's Playground had the opportunity to learn how to skate with professional skaters. The program was targeted for girls, but the boys were welcomed, too. The evening concluded with a music video that gave the viewer a very clear picture of where skateboarding can take you if you keep on practicing.

Wednesday, December 8th: "City Hall Christmas Caroling". 15 boys and girls between the ages of 8-14 years had the opportunity to sing Christmas carols with a number of schools and other city recreation centers in the rotunda of City Hall at 12 noon. It was a wonderful experience for the kids from the Tenderloin.

Thursday, December 9th: "Girl's Club Monthly Birthday Party". 25 girls, ages 6-12 years enjoyed food, donated by a parent; games, music and a movie as the celebrated the December birthdays of fellow members.

Friday, December 10th: "Jr. Achiever's Christmas Party". The party was sponsored by a fraternity from USF. 20 children played musical chairs, "Simon Says" and other games. Every child received a gift, in addition to pizza, cake, fruit and chips.

Monday, December 13th: "Donation of 100 dinners". 100 meals were made and donated by CCDC via the California Culinary Academy/ Families were contacted to receive the meals, which included turkey, gravy, rice and a medley of vegetables.

Tuesday, December 14th: "Don's Christmas Tournament and Party". 15 youth who participated in year-round tournaments were rewarded to a special party where they received gifts and refreshments.

Tuesday, December 14th: "Miracle on Sixth Street". The College of Notre Dame performed their annual Christmas play at the Seneca Hotel. 20 youth were invited to enjoy the play and received gifts. According to staff, "We really need a miracle on Sixth Street.

Wednesday, December 15th: "Bike Giveaway". 20 children, who are regular participants of the Tenderloin Children's Playground, were selected to attend an event at the Kensington Hotel that was hosted by the Elks Club (No. 3). The children were acknowledged for their good behavior and character received awards. The event included a spaghetti dinner, punch and dessert for all the children and their families. The main contributors in making this event possible were the Elks Club No. 3, the San Francisco Police Department, the Warden of San Quentin Prison, selected San Quentin inmates and the Sunset Scavengers. The selected inmates refurbished bikes that were collected on Sunset Scavenger routes. Donations of paint and other supplies were donated by Don's Auto Body Shop. The San Francisco Police Department donated

bikes that were confiscated or stolen and never claimed during the year. The Elks Club delivered the bikes to the Playground the next morning.

Saturday, December 18th: "Ninth Annual Tenderloin Children's Playground Christmas Party". A musical production performed by Carol Yee and her crew. The setting of this year's play takes place in Ireland. The children enjoyed not only the performance but the music, dance and light show. After the play, Christmas music and carols were performed by Kim Kuzma and the kids at the Tenderloin. Over 250 children were served cookies from "Tom's Cookies", juice and received a special gift from Santa Claus.

Big THANKS go to the volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul, the teens at the Playground and the Friends of Tenderloin Playground.

Monday, December 20th: "Warriors Game". 10 youth attended the game in Oakland through the generous donation of the Warriors. For some, it was their first live NBA game. All had a good time. Too bad the Warriors lost.

Monday, December 20th: "Girl's Club Christmas Party". 17 girls, ages 5-12 years, participated with music, donated Christmas gifts, hot food, dessert and a Christmas movie.

Tuesday, December 21st: "Kimpton Christmas Party". The Kimpton Hotel hosted a Christmas Party for 24 the Playground's children, ages 5-14, at the Galleria Park Hotel. Cookies, punch, Santa and gifts were all it took to bring smiles on everyone's faces.

Tuesday, December 21st: "Seventh Annual Nikkei Lions Club Christmas Party". Held at the Tenderloin Children's Playground gymnasium. 100 children, ages 5-9 years were invited to attend the party that included a magic show and Christmas carols. Everyone received gifts.

Wednesday, December 22nd: "Annual Teen Party". This year the City Attorney's Office sponsored the party. 65 teens received gifts, as well as a BBQ dinner, which included chicken, hamburgers, fruit and potato salad.

Monday, December 27th: "The Nutcracker". 113 tickets to the San Francisco Nutcracker Ballet were donated to the families of the Tenderloin Children's Playground. Staff escorted 15 children to the evening performance.

Wednesday, December 29th: "Girl's Club Field Trip". 15 members of the Girl's Club were treated to a movie and meal at the Metreon theatre.

Joseph Alioto Piazza – Civic Center
Prior to the holidays, 60 sycamore trees were pollarded and lights installed.

Christmas tree installed and boughs placed under the tree.

Union Square
Approximately 350 white cyclamens and 100 star jasmine were planted throughout the Square.

Red annuals (pansies) were also planted.

Chinese Recreation Center
Wednesday, December 1st: The Wednesday Night Social Dance Group held its annual dinner-dance from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Over 100 people attended for a fun night of delicious food, singing Christmas carols and dancing.

Friday, December 10th: The Friday Night Ballroom Dance Group held its annual dinner-dance, with over 75 people attending. It was a night of great food and dancing.

Tuesday, December 14th: A luncheon was conducted for the Senior Citizens Club, with over 35 seniors attending. A great lunch was served, pictures taken and gifts distributed. Everyone had a great time.

Wednesday, December 15th: A community Christmas party was held in the Center's gymnasium for over 275 youngsters, ages 12 and under. Activities included carnival games, drawing contest, guessing game and "Pass the Present" (similar to "Hot Potato"). Teenagers from the Center and teachers from the participating schools helped with the games and the judging of the best drawings. Candy canes and prizes were given to everyone present.

Wednesday, December 15th: Following the community party, an in-house tournament was conducted for the Badminton players, with a potluck dinner that the players provided. Over 50 people attended and it was another night of eating.

Friday, December 17th: The annual Christmas luncheon for Senior Citizens was conducted and hosted by the San Francisco Municipal Railway Cable Car Division with the Chinese Recreation Center staff assisting. Many of the seniors invited were transported by Muni to attend this event, and others who were nearby, walked. Muni workers decorated the gymnasium and as usual, the delicious food was prepared by Muni's own personal chef, with donations from the neighborhood hotel restaurants, deli's, bakeries and restaurants from Chinatown, Nob Hill, Polk Street, North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf. The doorman from the Sir Francis Drake Hotel was there to greet the seniors, take pictures with them and to give them each a red blanket. A raffle and Karaoke Contest were conducted and the seniors from Portsmouth Square were 3rd place finishers. Muni buses arrived after the luncheon to take the seniors back to their Center or Housing Units. It was an exciting and fun day for everyone.

Friday, December 17th through Sunday, December 19th: Following the luncheon, the gymnasium was cleared, swept, etc. in time for the 27th Annual Holiday Invitational Basketball Classic to begin at 4:30 p.m. This annual tournament is held in memory of Clarence "Swede" Nelson and Ken Lowe, both former staff members of the Center; and is traditionally conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the weekend before Christmas. S.F. Hoopsters took first place and Alpine Little Horse from Los Angeles took 2nd. Mrs. Lowe and her children and grandchildren were on hand to present the awards to the winners. Over 400 people attended the event.

Wednesday, December 22nd: The Wednesday Afternoon Dance Group, who also does Line Dancing and Tai Chi, celebrated the season with an annual luncheon and dance. Over 65 people attended the festivities.

Thursday, December 30th: The Table Tennis Group held a dinner for over 60 people. The food was catered in for this event and everyone had a great time.

Chinese Playground
Saturday, December 4th: The finals of the 4 & 4 Full Court Basketball League was conducted. Over 40 people watched the exciting game.

Thursday, December 16th: A holiday party for children ages 12 and under was conducted with activities, including games, food, prizes and arts and crafts projects. 30 youngsters had a fun time.

Portsmouth Square
Tuesday, December 14th: A Karaoke Contest and party was held for over 85 seniors. As a special treat, the youngsters from Woh Hei Yuen came to sing Christmas Carols to the seniors and handed out candy. Santa came and took pictures with everyone and gave candy canes to all.

Friday, December 17th: Jessica Luu, Recreation Director, brought the invited seniors (20) to Chinese Recreation Center for the Cale Car Luncheon. They participated in the Karaoke Contest and came in third place. Each of the seniors received a red blanket from Santa and the Cable Car helpers.

The Tuesday workshops conducted this month were:
December 7th: "ACA Cares Christmas Food Drive". Over 95 people attended this press conference to introduce and announce:

1. The Asian Chefs Association CARES Program
2. The California Culinary Academy
3. The food distribution in Chinatown and the Tenderloin, sponsored by the CYC and CCDC.

December 14th: "Right of Language Access Against S.F. Housing Authority". Ms. Bonnie Shiu from the Asian Law Caucus spoke to 64 people about:

1. The Equal Access to Services Ordinance.
2. Language services provided by the S.F. Housing Authority.
3. Remedies for failing to provide language services.

December 21st: "Annual Christmas Party and Luncheon". Over 165 people came to the party and luncheon, conducted and hosted by the Chinese Center Satellite staff and teens. Activities included games, coloring contest, lunch and gifts.

December 28th: "Medicare". Ms. Dora Ho, Senior Program Specialist, from CCHP spoke to over 65 people about:

1. What is Medicare?
2. Who is eligible?
3. How to apply.
4. When to apply.

Woh Hei Yuen
Wednesday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 7th: Richard Chow, Recreation Director escorted 18 children on each of these dates to Justin Herman Plaza for ice skating. The children look forward to this annual winter outing.

Tuesday, December 14th: 25 youngsters in the after school program went to Portsmouth Square to sing Christmas Carols to the seniors. Santa was there to take pictures with the children and game them candy and a gift for participating.

Wednesday, December 15th: A party was conducted for the after school program for over 30 youngsters. They baked a ham, made sandwiches, played games and received gifts from Santa.

Thursday, December 16th: Over 30 youngsters attended the community party conducted at the Chinese Recreation Center. Some of the older children helped at the party by working in the game booths and handed out candy canes.

Friday, December 17th: The Teen Club celebrated the season with a dinner party. Over 40 teens attended along with the Kung Fu Club and their parents.

Huntington Park
The Huntington Hotel finished putting up the holiday lights by Friday, December 3rd. The fountain lights were replaced by the Nob Hill Association. The tree lighting ceremony was held on Monday, December 6th.

Monday, December 13th: Crew Project. The North Beach Complex crew pollarded the sycamore trees around the perimeter of the park.

Friday, December 17th: Two of the North Beach Complex crew replanted the circle bed with hebe caladonia, felicia and lavender.

A hole, created by dogs, in the lawn has reappeared. Ms. Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor has spoken to Mr. Gregory Cheng of the Nob Hill Association and they agreed to request for community's and S.F.P.D.'s support in reinforcing appropriate behavior of dogs and dog guardians and enforcing the law.

Ina Coolbrith Mini Park
Retaining boards installed at Poet's Corner hillside to deter dogs and improve erosion problems. Back-filled, planted and chipped.

Sprinkler heads repaired at the lower hillside.

Washington Square
Sunday, December 5th: The North Beach Chamber of Commerce installed a lighted Christmas Tree in the Marini Triangle.

The final phase of the capital irrigation re-configuring project completed. The corner of Stockton and Union Streets has been re-seeded.

The Filbert Street perimeter has been pruned, weeded and cleaned out.

The cedar tree that has had a lot of damage has been raised to a height that cannot be easily vandalized.

Coit Tower
Flower beds around the tower have been replanted. Rose bed cleaned out, boxwood hedges pruned. Tree crew removed hazardous branch on the Greenwich path.

Ferry Park
Staff has been chipping tree bases and planting fuchsias on the shady hillside.

A recycling program has been set up with Golden Gate Disposal to help recycle all the bottles generated by the public who sit up on the Davis Street platforms during the day.

Joseph Conrad Park
Yellow daisies have been planted in the flower beds.

The S.F.P.D. have been assisting with a homeless individual who sleeps in the same spot every day, ruining the lawn.

Fay House
Ivy trimmed on the Chestnut Street side.

Allyne Park
Annuals planted in a small flower bed. Clivia moved to deter dog paths.

Photography Center (City-Wide Program)
Thursday and Friday, December 2nd & 3rd: "Community Images" exhibited its members photos depicting "Our Elders", which are portraits and documentary images of seniors around the greater Bay Area.

Saturday, December 4th: The Photography Center celebrated its 47th Annual Christmas Dinner at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

Saturday, December 11th: Formal opening of the "Our Elders" exhibit. There was Taiko drumming from Unami Taiko of Union City and poetry readings by Al Robles and "Diamond Dave".

Harvey Milk Arts Center (City-Wide Program)
Thursday, December 2nd: Special Events, under the direction of Ms. Pat Wiley, Assistant Recreation Supervisor, planned and organized the official Recreation and Park Department Holiday Tree Lighting at

McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park. Over 200 people enjoy making crafts, treats and hot apple cider. Also, a special guest from the North Pole arrived to visit with the children and have a picture taken.

Wednesday, December 8th: The Midnight Music Program along with Special Events brought back the Christmas Caroling tradition to City Hall. Over 340 children from throughout San Francisco filled the Rotunda Steps. City Hall employees enjoyed the Christmas spirit brought to them by Recreation and Park.

Tuesday, December 21st: The Teen Division, the Teen Advisory Group and the Midnight Music Bands had their Christmas party at the Harvey Milk Center. Teens from all these programs had the opportunity to celebrate together, socially. There was live entertainment provided by all the bands from the Midnight Music Program and lots of food provided by the Teen Division.

The Ethnic Jazz Dance Program was a success in that both the beginning and intermediate classes practiced and learned their routines together and performed as an ensemble.

The Young People's Teen Musical Theater rehearsed for the "Pajama Game" and the Christmas Caroling at City Hall. They sang carols at various events since soon after Thanksgiving. The events included: UCSF Hospital Volunteers and Children with Cancer at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Ghirardelli Square, McLaren Lodge Tree Lighting Ceremony and City Hall.

Quadrant 4

In-door and Out-door Ice Skating at Justin Herman & Yerba Buena Center:
The following sites took youth Ice skating over the Holidays

- Herz
- Merced Heights
- Hunters Point/Milton Meyer
- Potrero Hill
- Visitacion Valley

Holiday Christmas Parties
All the sites in quadrant 4 celebrated the holiday season with parties for their tots, youth and seniors.

- Herz – Santa visited this sites and passed out gifts, refreshments provided
- Joseph Lee – Senior Club had a sit down Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. More than 40 seniors enjoyed this special celebration.
- Silver Terrace – The senior club celebrated the holidays by taking a walking tour along Fisherman's Wharf and having lunch at Bubba Gumps
- Alice Chalmers – The seniors celebrated by going out to lunch and exchanged gifts
- Hunter's Point/ Milton Meyer – The auditorium at Milton Meyer was transformed into a winter wonderland. The room was decorated with Christmas Trees, lights, balloons, snow and wrapped packages. The highlight being an opportunity for the children to meet Santa and one of his elves and have their photo taken. Refreshments and candy canes provided.
- Gilman, Hunters Point, Joe Lee and Oceanview had toy give away for the youth in their communities
- Sunnydale – The Sunnydale staff collaborated with KMEL to provide a holiday party for the youth in the Sunnydale Neighborhood. The Fire Department provided toys for give away. Movie and concert tickets were some of the prizes given away.

Christmas Caroling
The following sites participated in the Christmas Caroling at City Hall

- Potrero Hill
- Jackson
- Cayuga

Athletics
The following sites participated in the Short-Stuff holiday Basketball Tournament held at Glen Park Recreation Center

- Oceanview
- Joe Lee

Maintenance
Dolores Park - Robert Watkins and his crew began to maintain this park

McLaren Park – Still experiencing major illegal dumping issues
Crocker Amazon – The dog play area has been completed
Balboa Park – The soccer field and baseball diamonds have been over seeded
Cayuga – The recent rains has caused concern for flooding at the clubhouse. Joe Figone has met with P.U.C., DPW and Cal Trans regarding this issue

Dan McKenna
Superintendent, Citywide Services

Sharp Park Golf Course was closed for five days this past month due to heavy rains and the course's poor drainage system.

The Monster Park field went through the 49er season without any significant sod renewal. This is one of the first seasons the Department did not replace sod during the season. Ramp 7 has been inspected and the crack does not appear to have structural implications. Staff will perform cosmetic repairs during the off season.

Permits and Reservations staff have finalized a film permit for the movie "Memoirs of a Geisha". Associated permit fees should total between $75,000 and $100,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting.
RES. NO. 0501-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift of $320,000 from the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society to hire two arborists for two years to perform tree work in the Botanical Garden. **RES. NO. 0501-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does name the community room at Woh Hei Yuen "The Betty Ann Ong Room". **RES. NO. 0501-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award for the Management Agreement for the operation of Kezar Parking Lot to ABC Parking. **RES. NO. 0501-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does affirm the recommendation of the Selection Panel for Mather Saddle and Pack Company for the operation of a horse rental concession at Camp Mather, and to authorize Department staff to enter into exclusive negotiations with that entity.
RES. NO. 0501-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does amend the Dog Play Area at Mission Dolores Park.
RES. NO. 0510-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to set forth the conditions under which the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will access, construct, occupy, and maintain the Lincoln Park Water Pump Station and Storage Tank, as the City Attorney shall approve.

RES. NO. 0501-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) approve a labyrinth conceptual plan to replace the Scott Street play area, 2) recommend to the Board of Supervisors to accept a gift-in-place of a labyrinth, valued at $60,000, from the Friends of Duboce Park, and 3) approve the donor recognition element.

RES. NO. 0501-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve the conceptual plan for the Renovation of Yosemite Marsh located in McLaren Park provided that staff shall present the final renovation plans to the Capital Program Committee prior to the project going out to bid. **RES. NO. 0501-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit an application for a grant from the California Youth Soccer and Recreational Development under the 2002 Resource Bond Act to fund field and court improvements at the South of Market (SOMA) Park Renovation project.

RES. NO. 0501-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit a California Integrated Waste Management Board Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program application for Alta Plaza Playground Renovation Project on behalf of the Friends of Alta Plaza Park to fund capital improvements.

RES. NO. 0501-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors does accept and expend a gift of one new Tru-Turk Greens Roller valued at $12,000.00 from the American Express Championship Tournament for the use at Harding Park Golf Course. **RES. NO. 0501-012**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does elect Commissioner Gloria Bonilla as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for calendar year 2005 in accordance with the Bylaws.

RES. NO. 0510-013

On motion made by **Commissioner Harrison** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:
RESOLVED, That this Commission does elect Commissioner Larry Martin as President of the Recreation and Park Commission for calendar year 2005 in accordance with the Bylaws. **RES. NO. 0510-014**

HARDING PARK GOLF COMPLEX

The agreement before the Commission defines certain aspects of the partnership between the City and the TOUR. As set forth in the Master Agreement, in addition to $500,000 in direct fees to the Department, the TOUR will pay $500,000 to the First Tee. The economic impact as a result of the event is estimated at $50 million to the local economy.
Highlighted Terms of the Agreement:

- The Championship Period: September 26 to October 11, 2005. During the 90-day period prior to the Championship period, the TOUR shall have non-exclusive access to the course for the purposes of constructing temporary facilities and general preparation for the Championship.
- Utilities: TOUR to pay for the cost of utilities excluding water
- Clubhouse: With the exception of a limited number of specified City and Kemper employees, TOUR shall have exclusive use of the clubhouse during the Championship period.

- Food and Beverage: The TOUR has exclusive food and beverage rights on the property and may provide their own catering in the clubhouse for the event or contract with Kemper to provide the same. Should they choose to contract with Kemper, they will pay the usual and customary rates for these services.
- Merchandise: Grants the City and the TOUR reciprocal rights to sell merchandise items bearing the Harding Park logo and the World Golf Championship logos. City shall pay TOUR 10% of the wholesale prices of all items sold by City or its agents bearing the Championship logo or World Gold Championship logo. TOUR shall pay city 10% of the wholesale price of all items sold by the TOUR bearing the Harding Park logo.
- Rounds of Play: Section 8.2 provides that in order to obtain sponsorship and promote the event, City shall provide up to 75 complimentary round of golf in each year of the Term to the TOUR, on a space available basis.
- Reduced Play: Beginning six weeks before the beginning of the Championship Period, City shall reduce the number of rounds played on the Harding Course to 150 per day. Two weeks before the beginning of the Championship Period, City shall reduce the number of rounds played on the Harding Course to 72 rounds per day. City may offset any complimentary rounds used pursuant to Section 8.2 in the year preceding the Championship Period by increasing the foregoing numbers of reduced rounds in the amount corresponding to the number of complimentary rounds.
- Volunteer Recognition: Approximately 900 volunteers will be utilized for the event. The volunteers will be offered the following:
    - One free advance reservations
    - One free golf cart rental
    - One free bucket of balls at the driving range
    - One coupon for 20 percent off one entrée in the clubhouse restaurant
    - One coupon for 20 percent off one regular priced item from the pro shop

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: . **RES. NO. 0501-015**

RESOVLED, That this Commission does approve the Multiple Championships Tournament Facilities Agreement with the PGA TOUR, INC. for the Harding Park Golf Complex.

FERRY PARK

The purpose of the Master Plan is to create a passive green open space that is linked to the larger "necklace" of parks and promenades along the waterfront to better serve recreational activities. The project identifies phased implementation, including a first phase based on available funding.

The master plan includes

- Maintain open meadow-like character that accommodates flexible, informal recreational activity that is passive in nature. No infrastructure for organized sports is proposed
- Gently reshape land to create a more varied topography, eliminating poor drainage and providing higher vantage points for views to the bay.
- Improve the terminus of Clay Street as a focal point and to create a better link between Justin Herman Plaza and Block 202
- Remove the diagonal paths that cuts the block in half and replace it with a pathway system that provides for movement in a way that does not disrupt the cohesiveness of the site, providing a larger passive meadow space. Remove the space frame structure and associated concrete paving as they detract from the aesthetic and functional qualities of the park
- Plant light canopied trees that overcome the shadiness of the area
- Retain the JC Decaux facilities in their current location on Drumm Street
- Provide for informal play using innovative sculptural elements
- Eliminate the bridge between Block 203 and Maritime Plaza, which does not meet ADA access

- Reconfigure the circulation on Block 203 to enhance cross-movement without diminishing recreational functions
- Enhance the aesthetics of the maintenance facility
- Relocate the Korean Memorial to a better vantage point, with the input of the Korean community
- Establish flowering trees, shrubs and groundcover in a setting that bring life, color and interest
- Retain, wherever feasible, the tall trees that provide a scale transition to adjoining high-rise buildings

Extensive public input was gained from a series of stakeholder meetings and from four public meetings. A community workshop was held on 3/23/04, and a second public meeting was with the Northeast Waterfront Advisory Group on 3/31/04. Public input was received, noted, and reflected in the proposed design parameters. A second community workshop was held on 6/30/04 to reach consensus on design parameters. A third community workshop was held on 12/8/04 to review the conceptual design and phasing based on the design parameters. The community reached a consensus to move ahead with the master plan and phasing approvals.

Lutzka Zivny thanked the staff for all of their hard work. She spoke in support of the plan but requested that the Commission consider putting in a children's play structure in the future. Staff explained the ordinance does not allow a play structure. **Ernestine Weiss** stated that this was supposed to be a passive park and nothing was supposed to be built there including the sculptures. She stated that there were two playgrounds in Chinatown for children and that a third play structure wasn't needed. She stated she didn't want any ball playing, no Frisbees and no sports of any kind. **Eula Walters** spoke against the master plan. She stated that they did not want the sidewalks or any building in the park. **Richard Fong** spoke in support of the upgrades that would be taking place.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 0501-016**

RESOLVED, that this commission does approve the conceptual design and phasing options for Ferry Park (Embarcadero Blocks 202 and 203) Master Plan with the additional provision that staff undertake a study for the acquisition and the redevelopment of the PUC Pump Station on Block 203 for Recreation and Park Department use including the potential of a children's playground. The Commission requested that staff report back in April on the potential of the playground.

CAMP MATHER – FEE INCREASE

Camp Mather currently accommodates up to 537 campers per week for 10 weeks during the summer. The Camp is extremely popular and virtually filled to capacity each season. Applicants are currently chosen by a lottery system.

The 300 acre property located adjacent to Yosemite Park land is comprised of 95 hard sided cabins and 20 tent sites. A group camp is also utilized by the Department's recreation division that accommodates an additional 20 campers. In addition, the 10-week season is extended for two weeks to accommodate two, five-day seniors camps and two sessions of the Strawberry Music Festival.

The Camp generates approximately $1.3 million in annual gross revenues, however, the Camp ran at a $178,000 deficit for the recently completed 2004 season. The deficit is the result of below market rates, comparatively high operational costs, and antiquated marketing packages. The Camp is also in need of a significant influx of capital investments, which have been preliminarily estimated at close to $20 million dollars.

Background: The Department engaged the services of the consulting firm Bay Area Economics to analyze the operational model currently employed by the Department and to conduct a feasibility study for long-

term capital financing. Phase 1 of the report has been completed (attached), which also included a rate analysis of similar facilities in the area.

	Nightly Rate (adults)
Municipal Camps	
Camp Mather	$38 - $43
San Jose Family Camp	$38 - $49
Berkeley	$65 - $74
Camp Sacramento	$70
Camp Concord	$45 -$50
Non –Profit Operated Camps	
Camps in Common Oakland Feather River	$40
UCCR - Local Camps	$20 - $88
Lair of the Bear	$68
Stanford Sierra Camp	$116 - $232
Camp Tawonga	$68 -$72
Concessionaire Operated Camps	
The Evergreen Lodge	$25 -$45 (excluding food)
Yosemite High Country Concessions	$118

The Department engaged the community during a public meeting on December 8th. During this meeting, which was attended by over 25 citizens the public was presented with a proposal to raise rates by 25% to immediately eliminate the operational deficit and begin to address the capital planning for the facility. No member of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the rate increase.

Summary of rate increase proposal:

Use Fees – Cabins and Tents:

The following is a breakdown of use fees for cabin and tent sites at Camp Mather for **residents** of San Francisco – proposed 25% increase appears next to existing rate. The following fees do not include State occupancy tax.

Cabin Size	**Weekly Rate**		**Nightly Rate**	
2 person	~~$303~~	$379	~~$ 55~~	$ 69
3 person	~~$411~~	$514	~~$ 73~~	$ 91
4 person	~~$508~~	$635	~~$ 91~~	$114
5 person	~~$593~~	$741	~~$109~~	$136
6 person	~~$666~~	$832	~~$133~~	$166

Tent Size	**Weekly Rate**		**Nightly Rate**	
4 person	~~$120~~	$150	~~$ 24~~	$ 30
6 person	~~$157~~	$196	~~$ 32~~	$ 40

The following is a breakdown of use fees for cabin and tent sites at Camp Mather for **non-residents** of San Francisco – proposed 25% increase appears next to existing rate. The following fees do not include State occupancy tax.

Cabin Size	**Weekly Rate**		**Nightly Rate**	
2 person	~~$363~~	$ 454	~~$ 61~~	$ 76
3 person	~~$503~~	$ 629	~~$ 85~~	$106
4 person	~~$605~~	$ 756	~~$103~~	$129

5 person	~~$708~~	$ 885	~~$121~~	$151
6 person	~~$811~~	$1,014	~~$140~~	$175

Tent Size	Weekly Rate		Nightly Rate	
4 person	~~$158~~	$197	~~$ 31~~	$ 39
6 person	~~$211~~	$264	~~$ 40~~	$ 50

Day Use Fees:

The following is a breakdown of day use fees for Camp Mather - proposed 25% increase appears next to existing rate. (Proposal is to collapse "child" rate and have one "youth" rate, ages 2 through 12 years, at $6.)

Age Category		Rate
Adult (Age 13 years plus)	~~$10~~	$12
Youth (Ages 6 2 to 12 years)	~~$ 5~~	$ 6
~~Child (Ages 2 to 5 years)~~	~~$ 5~~	
Infant (Under age 2)		$ 0

Meal Fees:

The following is a breakdown of meal fees for all overnight guests of Camp Mather - proposed 25% increase appears next to existing rate. (Proposal is to collapse "child" rate and have one "youth" rate, ages 2 through 12 years, as described below.) The following fees do not include meal tax.

Age Category	Weekly Rate		Daily Rate	
Adult (Age 13 years plus)	~~$152~~	$190	~~$24~~	$30
Youth (Ages 6 2 to 12 years)	~~$ 91~~	$110	~~$14~~	$16
~~Child (Ages 2 to 5 years)~~	~~$ 85~~		~~$12~~	
Infant (Under age 2)	$ 0		$ 0	

The following is a breakdown of meal fees for all transient guests of Camp Mather - proposed 25% increase appears next to existing rate. (Proposal is to collapse "child" rate and have one "youth" rate, ages 2 through 12 years, as described below.) The following fees do not include meal tax.

Age Category	Breakfast		Lunch		Dinner	
Adult (Age 13 years plus)	~~$10~~	$12	~~$10~~	$12	~~$13~~	$16
Youth (Ages 6 2 to 12 years)	~~$ 6~~	$ 7	~~$ 6~~	$ 7	~~$ 9~~	$11
~~Child (Ages 2 to 5 years)~~	~~$ 6~~		~~$ 6~~		~~$ 9~~	
Infant (Under age 2)	$ 0		$ 0		$ 0	

Assuming full occupancy for the forthcoming 2005 season, anticipated revenue increase is $290,000.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0501-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors a fee increase for the 2005 season at Camp Mather and an annual Consumer Price Adjustment thereafter.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS – FEE INCREASE

John Mann staff to the San Francisco Zoological Garden gave a brief presentation requesting a fee increase of non-residents by $1.00 effective march 1, 2005.

On motion made by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0501-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from the San Francisco Zoological Society to increase the fees of non-residents by $1.00 effective March 1, 2005.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS

Under the administrative code, the Recreation and Park Commission must approve any modification to professional services contracts.

The professional services contract awarded in September 2004 under Resolution No. 0140-013 in the amount of $1,007,737.50 does not include the premium for Professional Liability Project Specific coverage.

This coverage is required by the City Risk Management office due to the historic significance of the Palace of Fine Arts. The City agreed to pay the premium for this coverage. The estimated cost is $87,460.48

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0501-019

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a fee increase to the previously awarded professional services contract for Phase II (IIA and IIB) for the Palace of Fine Arts Building, Lagoon, and Grounds Restoration Project to Carey and Company, Inc., as Executive Preservation Architect, from $1,007,737.50 to $1,095,197.90 (increase of $87,460.48) for the premium on the required professional liability project specific coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bird thanked Commissioner Bonilla and Acting General Manager Agunbiade for their response to remedy the unacceptable conditions at Dolores Park. He also thanked Robert Watkins and his crew and Kelly Cornell and his urban forester arborists for all of their work in the transformation. He stated that he was back in the park volunteering. **Ernestine Weiss** requested that the Commission put through changes not allowing ball playing at Ferry Park and that the signs be changed reflecting this. She stated that there was no notification of the events that were happening at the park and requested that there be a kiosk posting these events. **Emeric Kalman** stated that he has asked questions but doesn't believe he has received answers. He requested that the new President review the Rules of the Commission and update them.

The Commission adjourned into Closed Session at 4:28 p.m.
The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 4:33 p.m.
The Commission voted not to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus asked about the policy for the upcoming season for baseball lining on RPD fields. Acting General Manager, Yomi Agunbiade stated that the Department is in the process of working out the policy. **Commissioner Lazarus** also suggested that the members of the Commission take a tour of the DeYoung Museum. **Commissioner Murray** asked if the issue at the Marina Green in regard to lining the field for youth soccer had been resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:40p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

San Francisco

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

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Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

February 17, 2005

Commission President John Murray called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present:
Gloria Bonilla
Gordon Chin
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin
John Murray

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Patrick Hannan, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee spoke on three items:

- The recommendation from the committee that the Department prioritize any cuts so that the impact will effect the least number of people in the community and that the Department and the Commission look at feasibility of closing one golf course as opposed to closing or cutting back services in our neighborhood parks and recreation center.
- The maintenance standards the Controller's office was working with the Department on and the concern from PROSAC that there is an exemption for the Natural Areas Program.
- Volunteer Guidelines – they would like to have input on these guidelines and asked the Commission direct the Department to present these to the committee.

There was detailed discussion around these items.

Mayor Newsom addressed the Commission on the City budget, the challenges facing the City and the Department, the projected deficit for the upcoming budget, expected federal and state cuts, and suggested that the City needs to get more creative in finding solutions. He asked that they put together a five- percent contingency for his review. He answered questions of the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the November 29, 2004 meeting.
RES. NO. 0502-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0502-002**

SOLD TO:

National Zoological Park 0.1 Kookaburra $100.00
3001 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008
USDA – N/A

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the creation of a 3-hour time-limited parking zone on the east side of Conservatory Drive East, from JFK Drive to Arguello Blvd. **RES. NO. 0502-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the rental fees for the caretaker rooms at Stern Grove and the studio Apartment at Coit Tower located in San Francisco, and a new Caretaker Lease. **RES. NO. 0502-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Bay Area Orienteering Club's request to put on the "San Francisco Night and Day Challenge" using Douglass Playground's Club House (overnight) from 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2005 to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday June 12, 2005. **RES. NO. 0502-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plans for the Golden Gate Park Panhandle Restroom and Curb Ramps Project. **RES. NO. 0502-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve exceeding the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Renovation Project base contract amount by 16.8%, to a maximum price of $4,031,623 and extending the contract duration by an additional 12.5%, to a maximum duration of 540 calendar days. **RES. NO. 0502-007**

GENERAL CALENDAR

NEW EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM POLES AND SIRENS IN THE PARK SYSTEM

An outdoor public warning system has served San Francisco since 1942, with 50 sirens placed strategically throughout the City. During World War II several poles were constructed on Recreation and Park property. Poles remain to this day in McLaren Park, in Bayview Park, Union Square, in Park Presidio and Lafayette Park.

In November of last year, staff noted a 65 foot pole place in close proximity to the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. Inquiries to DTIS and OES &HS revealed the pole had been installed overnight without prior notification to the Department. The site was selected based on an acoustic analysis, which revealed that audio announcements to surfers in the event of a Tsunami would require a siren adjacent to the Great Highway. The Mayor's office moved the construction schedule forward, and DTIS and OES&HS proceeded under this authority. Later that month RPD was contacted by DPW in regard to another pole placed adjacent to Laurel Hill Playground. RPD staff then informed DTIS staff of the Charter requirements for approval of all construction in Golden Gate Park. DTIS was requested to stop all installations of sirens on park property without approval.

DTIS removed the pole from the Beach Chalet site and will construct a new pole in the median of the Great Highway. Further, DTIS will relocate the siren at Fredrick and Arguello Streets to construct a pole on SFPD property adjacent to Kezar Stadium with access to that site through Kezar Stadium under an RPD issued encroachment permit. With the exception of the pole adjacent to the Beach Chalet, DTIS will be permitted to modify and update all poles located on park property under the conditions stipulated in the MOU. DTIS and OES&HS will seek Commission approval for the addition of any new poles to the system not named in the MOU. DITS and OES&HS will explore the feasibility of placing three new poles adjacent to Golden Gate Park in order to minimize the gap in coverage over the park. Park Presidio may be utilized for this purpose under an encroachment permit and subject to the MOU. OES&HS and DTIS will cover all costs of removal, operations, maintenance and installation. Construction will begin immediately.

Emeric Kalman asked how many emergency possibilities there are in the City and how do the citizens know what type of emergency that is occurring.

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Department of Telecommunications and Information Services (DTIS) and the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security (OES&HS) to set forth the conditions under which the DTIS and OES&HS will access, construct, maintain and operate City outdoor public warning system sirens in the park system.

SAN FRANCISCOMARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

West Harbor: The fee would be increased by 40 percent in 2005, which would increase the current $5.52 per foot per month rate to an average rate of to $7.71. After the initial 40 percent increase, the fee would increase 4 percent per year for the next four years, through the completion of the west harbor renovation, which is scheduled to be complete in FY 2009-10, the rate for year five would average $12.39 per linear foot per month (37%), increasing thereafter at 3 percent per year.

East Harbor: Beginning in 2005, an increase for the east harbor of 20% in 2005, which would increase the current $5.22 per foot per month rate to an average rate of to $5.82, 12% per year through FY 2008-09 for an average of $8.18, and increasing thereafter at 3% per year.

In August 2002, the Recreation and Parks Commission (Commission) approved the conceptual design and Program for the Renovation of the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor (the Project), and recommended that the Board of Supervisors take appropriate action to support the Recreation and Park Department's application for funding from the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways ("the State"). In March 2003, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of the application documentation to the State (Res. No. 149-03). The loan application was submitted by the deadline date of March 31, 2003.

Per the State's requirements for a loan application submittal, Recreation and Park (RPD) staff included in the application package a report titled, "San Francisco Marina Renovation Feasibility Study." This study included a financial feasibility study which projected an
average 40 percent increase in berth rental fee, which would increase the current average of $5.22 per foot per month to $7.31 per foot per month, applied at the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2003-04, or approximately July 2003. After the initial 40 percent increase, the fee was then anticipated to increase 4 percent per year through FY 2006-07. The rate for FY 2007-08 would average $11.25 per linear foot per month, increasing thereafter at 3 percent per year.

Since this recommendation was first introduced, staff has devised a strategy to complete the Project in two phases to better align with the State's Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) budget and their ability to fund the Project.

The first phase of the Project will address renovation of the West Harbor, and when funds become available, the second phase will address renovation of the East Harbor. Based on DBW's projected budget, it is likely that they may be able to begin funding phase two in future years, but at this time it is uncertain when that may be.

At a meeting of the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Commission, on November 18, 2004, in San Diego, CA, the DBW Commission reviewed and approved the West Harbor Renovation Project and loan package, for a total of $16.5 million. We have been awarded phase one funding of $1.5 million dollars for design and engineering. This first-year funding is part of a five-year funding plan that will require the Recreation and Park Department to request additional phase funding each year from the DBW Commission.

Before receiving these encumbered funds for design, the Recreation and Park Department must first complete loan contracts with DBW, which require the fee increase approved by the Recreation and Park Commission and subsequent approval by the Board of Supervisors.

RPD staff has attended a number of meetings with the Marina tenants to discuss how the project would be phased and how this impacts the proposed and future fee increases.

RPD staff also began discussions with Nadia Sesay from the Mayor's Office of Finance regarding the possibility of other funding options through the City. A memorandum and accompanying spreadsheets from Ms. Sesay, showing different cash flow assumptions are included at the end of this report. In summary, revenues must be separated between the two marinas to not jeopardize future funding of the east harbor, Ms. Sesay recommends that the fee increase approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in August 2003, as recommended in the 2002 Feasibility Report prepared by Moffatt and Nichol (40%, 4% for four years, 37% and 3% thereafter), remains the best and only feasible means of ensuring sufficient revenue to secure repayment of the DBW loan for the renovation of the west harbor.

Additionally, staff recommends a fee increase schedule for the east harbor of 20% for FY 05-06, 12% per year through FY 2008-09 and increasing thereafter at 3% per year.
This increase will ensure a build up of funds to either assist in future funding options and/or continued capital improvement if future loans can not be obtained for renovation.

It should be noted, the proposed fee increase for the east harbor is not intended to provide funding for a comprehensive renovation of the east Harbor. Rather, as has been suggested by some tenants, the revenue generated by this increase may provide another option for improvements on a project by project basis, as funds become available.

According to the calculations on the attached, east harbor cash flow spread sheet, it is feasible to accumulate sufficient funds by FY 2009-10 to begin improvements on the east harbor. The first projects must be the requisite ADA improvements that would in turn, allow RPD to begin other improvement projects. The project for FY 2010-11 would then be the necessary improvement or replacement of the access ramp and gates with the pile replacement project for FY 2011-12.

The fee proposal is as follows:

WEST

Fiscal Year	West Rental Rates	Percentage Increase	Notes
03-04	$5.52	0	
04-05	$5.52	0	
05-06	$7.73	40	
06-07	$8.04	4	
07-08	$8.36	4	
08-09	$8.69	4	
09-10	$9.04	4	
10-11	$12.39	37	
11-12	12.76	3	

EAST

Fiscal Year	East Rental	Percentage Increase	Notes

	Rates		
03-04	$4.85	0	
04-05	$4.85	0	
05-06	$5.82	20	
06-07	$6.52	12	
07-08	$7.30	12	
08-09	$8.18	12	
09-10	$8.42	3	
10-11	$8.67	3	
11-12	$8.93	3	The proposed fee increase for four years is not intended to provide funding for a comprehensive renovation of the East Harbor.

Other factors to consider, that are negatively impacting the Marina's operating budget include the delay in getting our environmental review process approved. Each delay results in compounded and increased maintenance and materials costs. As these cost rise without an increase in revenues generated, our Marina's reserved fund is directly impacted and shortfalls come from this fund. This reserve fund is required to be maintained by DBW and will help to pay for the pending renovation Project.

In addition to maintenance and unexpected expenses continue to be funded from the Marina's reserve fund, emergency projects continue to be funded from the same reserve. Such repairs include a sink hole in the parking areas, repair of side walk failures, repair of a small breach in the sea wall between the yacht clubs, two dock access ramp, repair of electrical supply to two dock sections and the repair of multiple breaks in many of the main dock walkways in the East Harbor and the outer West Harbor.

We have embarked into what has already proved to be a significant winter season; we can only anticipate additional strains of the Marina's budget and facilities due to severe weather.

The most significant and unexpected expense to date, relates to the environmental studies for the marina project. The original Mitigated Negative Declaration was budgeted and produced for approximately, $196,000. Due to the number of comments and four appeals received by the Planning Department, they decided to undertake an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will cost the Marina an additional $350,000.00. Additional capital projects that will need to be addressed over the next few years could cost in excess of $4 million and will need to be completed in order to maintain the Marina safe and operational (refer to the attached, San Francisco Marina Pre-Renovation Improvement Analysis).

Increases in overall expenses of City labor and overhead, operating expenses and material cost in the Marina are quickly outpacing revenues in spite of budget management measures and staff reductions. At this pace, without a berth and service fee increase, staff anticipates expenses may exceed revenues by the end of FY 04-05 resulting in a serious depletion of the Marina reserve fund.

Public Input:

- January 27, 2003, a meeting was held at McLaren Lodge with Department staff and officers of the Tenants Association to discuss the restructuring of the fees presented in 2003.

- April 13, 2004, staff attended a meeting of the Tenants Association to discuss different options to structure the proposed fee increase.

- June 30, 2004, the Recreation and Park Department held a final meeting at the St. Francis Yacht Club to discuss the fee proposal outlined in this report. Approximately 20 members of the public and marina tenants attended the meeting.

- September 1, 2004, this revised proposal was presented to the Recreation and Park's Operations Committee as a discussion item.

Most comments received were positive and the boaters in general understood the need for the fee increase and were willing to accept the proposed increases. There was discussion regarding the lack of a defined plan for the east harbor renovation or planned capital project; one boater expressed a reluctance to accept the proposal without a better-defined plan.

Rob Black, representing **Supervisor Alioto-Pier**, spoke on her behalf in support of this item and encouraged the Commission to approve it. **Melody Lacy** stated that she was not against a rate increase and believed that the harbor did need to be fixed, brought up concerns on the financing, later receive the EIR results and then create a plan. **Denis Belfortie** stated the need for a new marina and supported this item. **Betty Foote** stated that she supported a fee increase, but a moderate amount. **Kevin Boden** spoke strongly in support of the need for a new marina and this item. **Joan Girardot** urged the Commission to vote separately – the raise in fees and the raise in rates. She stated she did not have a position on the raise in fees but did on the rates. She requested that the Commission de-link the raise in rates to the proposed plan, as it is just that – a proposed plan that she stated is highly controversial. She gave detailed information on the plan and her concerns with the plan. **Rene Monchatre,** President of the Tenant's Association stated that they opposed to the increase. They believe that 40% is too high, don't know what the plan is and want performance guarantees. They would like the 12% increase a year for four years. He stated that good majority of the tenants are seniors and can not afford the 40% increase. **Emeric Kalman** stated the controller's report showed a surplus of $2.5 million. As of today, the surplus is gone. He requested a certified financial accounting report, and asked for time to analyze it. He also stated that there was no project yet and that the Board of Supervisors had approved a request for a loan but there was no project approval. **Ernestine Weiss** discussed the disrepair of the harbor and stated that there should be a plan in place before there is a fee increase.

After answering questions and concerns by the Commission, Brad Gross suggested that a compromise might be a 23% increase the first year and a 20% increase, 4% increase, 4% increase and 3% increase would work. He suggested that if he were to get the Mayor's Office of Public Finance and DBW to sign off they could move forward.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Recreation and Park Department's proposed berth rental fee increase for the East and West Harbors, and other service fees at the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor. The staff recommendation of a 40% increase in 2005-06 is changed to 23% and 20% increase in 2006-07 contingent upon approval by the Mayor's Office of Public Finance and California Department of Boating and Waterways.

APTOS PARK

The Recreation and Park Department, in conjunction with the Friends and Neighbors of Aptos Playground, solicited community and user input to generate a conceptual improvement plan, which meet the needs of the neighbors and park users. This input was generated through a series of four community meetings as well as distributing two neighborhood surveys. Based on all the feedback, a phased master plan was developed.

The design includes: removing existing clubhouse, removing and replacing landscape, irrigation, and a short retaining wall on Aptos/Ocean Avenue, improving the existing park entry on Aptos Ave providing new stairs form Ocean Avenue, into the park, improving the Kenwood Avenue entry, realigning the baseball diamond, providing an automatic irrigation system to all newly landscaped areas, installing a new pedestrian circulation loop around the turf field, closing a segment of the "cow path", bringing the facility into ADA compliance, relocating the tennis court, installing children's play equipment, and installing benches, tables, and a drinking fountain.

With the assistance of DPW, RPD solicited construction bids for improvements to the Aptos Park Renovation. The project accepted bids on November 3, 2004. Of the five bids received, one bid was within the project budget, but was deemed non-responsive. On November 18,2004, the Commission rejected all bids so the project could be re-bid. After repackaging the bid documents and adding one additional additive alternate item, the project accepted re-bid on February 2, 2005.

Staff recommendation is to award a construction contract to Gordon N. Ball Inc./Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction Inc., JV for the base bid in the amount of $2,185,000.

On motion made by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does **award** a construction contract to 1) Gordon N. Ball Inc./Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction Inc., JV for the base bid in the amount of $2,185,000, for the Aptos Park Renovation.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

In February of 2000, the Board of Supervisors amended the Administrative Code by ordinance to add "Chapter 2 – Article VII General Obligation Bond Accountability Reports". The ordinance requires "each government entity which requests the appropriation of bond proceeds by the Board shall submit a report in the form required by Section 2.72 to the Clerk of the Board, the Controller, the Treasurer, the Director of Public Finance and the Budget Analyst 60 days prior to the date of any such appropriation and with 60 days after the date of all such appropriated bond proceeds have been expended. Multiple appropriations may be combined into a single accountability report."

In June 1997 the citizens of San Francisco passed Proposition C, a $48 million General Obligation Bond for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of San Francisco Zoo facilities and properties, and for all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes. The Zoo Facilities Improvement Bond is part of the Phase II Zoo Master Plan Program consisting of multiple funding sources and managed through a cooperative agreement between the San Francisco Zoological Society, the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works. The goals of the Phase II Master Plan Program are to improve animal habitats and exhibits, preserve historic Zoo components, enhance education and conservation opportunities, increase ease of public access, provide additional support facilities, and create a more pleasing Zoo experience in general.

Three bonds sales have been completed to date for a total of $40,495,000. $3,862,997 in Zoo Facilities Bond interest has been budgeted to date. Additional funding source that have contributed to the financing of Phase II Master Plan projects include $1,500,000 in Earthquake Safety Program Phase 2 Bonds, $35,178,408 in Zoological Society Capital and $270,000 in State Grants. In order to fund the next group of Phase II Master Plan projects, the San Francisco Zoological Society, in cooperation with the Recreation and Park Department's Capital Improvement Division, is proposing the issuance of the remaining $7,505,000 in 1997 Zoo Facility Bonds authorization.

Six large capital improvement projects have been completed to date using 1997 Zoo Facilities Bonds. In addition, the program has funded public art, sub-surface infrastructure improvements, and various small-scale capital improvements in the western quadrant of the Zoo. A Zoo-wide accessibility upgrade project, funded with Zoo Bond interest dollars, is currently in the design phase and will be completed in phases over the course of the next three years, as per the conditions of a City settlement agreement.

Several additional large capital improvements projects have been completed under Phase II Zoo Master Plan Program funded entirely with San Francisco Zoological Society Gifts and State Grants. The final projects to be completed under this phase of the Master Plan will be funded entirely by the remaining Zoo Bond authorization of $7,505,000. These include renovations to the Zoo facilities housing bears, hippopotamus, rhinoceros, harbor seals and gray seals, as addressed in the 2004 Ordinance Amendment to Section 5.09 of the San Francisco Park Code, as well as renovations to the Lion House, the Tropical Forest building and various small Repairs and Replacements as recommended in the January 2000 Board of Supervisors Audit of the San Francisco Zoo.

Construction of the six large capital projects funded out of bond sales 1 through 3 are all 100% complete. All but two have been closed-out. The two remaining large active projects, African Savanna (phase I) and the Quarantine and Holding Facility will be closed out before the end of the fiscal year. The small projects funded out of sales 1-3, and all proposed new projects to be funded by the 4th Bond Sale are scheduled to be completed by July 2008. The ADA Improvements funded with Zoo Bond Interest are anticipated to be completed by November 2007 (and shall be completed no later than the settlement agreed final completion date of 12/31/10).

Richard Fong requested information on if there would be elephants at the zoo and requested information on the Zoo Bond.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the 1997 Zoo Facilities Bond General Obligation Bond Accountability Report and to approve the proposed sale of bonds in the amount of $7,505,000 for projects identified in the accountability report and for associated bond issuance costs.

2000 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK BONDS AND 2004 RECREATION AND PARK REVENUE BONDS – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO REDISTRIBUTE

In 2004 the Board of Supervisors approved and ordinance appropriating $68,800,000 of bond sale proceeds from General Obligation Bonds to fund improvements to at least 18 named neighborhood park properties, and appropriating an additional $27,005,000 of bond sale proceeds form Lease Revenue Bonds to fund improvements to at least 11 named neighborhood park properties.

In July of 2004 the Recreation and Park Commission approved the set-aside of $2,000,000 annually from the Open Space Fund to finance debt service on the Lease Revenue Bonds. Due to budget constraints, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the department, and the City, to delay the sale of the Lease Revenue Bonds as long as possible in order to minimize debt service liability.

In order to secure the funding needed to start work on the 11 projects scheduled to receive Lease Revenue Bonds, the Recreation and Park Department's Capital Improvement Division has developed a plan that would entail the swap of fund sources between projects currently funded with General Obligations Bonds, with those scheduled to be funded by Lease Revenue Bond. This plan would take General Obligation Bond dollars that are earmarked for construction of three large capital projects, and re-appropriate them to fund the short-term need of the various projects slated to receive revenue dollars. These dollars for construction are not anticipated to be encumbered for at least one year. This plan would allow all projects to move forward as scheduled, while delaying the sale of the Lease Revenue Bond for one year. In exchange, the Lease Revenue Bond dollars would be re-appropriated to fund the three large capital projects. The sale of the Lease Revenue Bond would be coordinated to coincide with the first of the three projects to be ready for bid.

The total estimated need, including encumbrances, through 1/2006 for the 11 Lease Revenue funded projects is $15,964,440. This will fund nine of the projects through construction, and two through Bid and Award. The projects to be funded through construction are: Rossi Playground, Fay Park Garden, South of Market Park, Junipera Serra Playground/Clubhouse, Sunnyside Playground/Clubhouse, Sunnyside Conservatory, Rolph Park Clubhouse, Herz Playground/Coffman Pool and Visitacion Valley Greenway Senior Park. The projects to be funded through bid and award are: Moscone Recreation Center and St. Mary's Playground.

Five General Obligation Bond funded projects are not anticipated to be ready for construction until after January 2006. Their construction budgets account for well over $20 million. Three of these projects have been singled out for fund re-appropriation because they pose the greatest likelihood of future schedule slips. General Obligation Bond funding, along with funding from other sources, would be reserved for

these projects to carry them through the Bid/Award Phase. The Lease Revenue Bond would then be sold in early 2006 to finance their construction. The three projects are: Moscone Recreation Center, Larsen Park Save Pool and Chinese Recreation Center.

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the re-appropriation of $15,964,440 in 2000 Neighborhood Recreation & Park Bonds – 4th Series, and the re-appropriation of $15,964,440 in 2004 Recreation & Park Revenue Bonds across 13 Capital Improvement Projects to facilitate the funding of all projects until which time as the revenue bonds are sold.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – RENT CREDIT

The Jumbotron at Monster Park was purchased and installed in May 1987, at a cost of $3.2 million. At the time, it was considered state of the art. It is now a common subject of complaints form many park visitors. Currently, the Jumbotron is maintained and operated by the San Francisco 49ers under an Advertising and Operating Agreement, approved by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors in June 2002.

In November 2004 the 49ers received a letter from Sony Professional Services indicating that the Jumbotron would require repairs approximating $700,000. Due to the age of the equipment, advances in technology, and the current cost of replacement equipment, the 49ers are instead proposing to replace the current Jumbotron with a new state of the art electronic video board system at an estimated cost of approximately $1.3 million.

The 49ers have presented the City with a unique opportunity to purchase a New System, which will actually pay for itself. Under the 49ers' proposal, the 49ers will purchase the New System and have it installed in time for the 2005 football season. They are asking to be reimbursed for one-half the cost of the equipment through new revenues generated form new signage opportunities that do not currently exist and will be attached to the New System. The proposed system includes new signage opportunities conservatively valued at $300,00 per year. Pursuant to Section 1. (c) of the Eighth Amendment to the lease agreement between the City and the 49ers for use of the Stadium, "with prior approval of the Commission, repairs and improvements undertaken by the Lessee may be deducted from any rents due to Lessor pursuant to this lease." If approved, staff is requesting the Commission delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a letter of understanding with the 49ers.

Assuming that incremental annual revenue from the new signage is $300,000 and remains constant, the 49ers will be entitled to rent credits against the Master Lease agreement of approximately $150,000 per year for four years, and the remaining $90,000 rent credit will be paid in the fifth year. The 49ers will be paying for one-half the cost of the New System through their share of the signage revenues.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0502-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does authorize the General Manager to approve a rent credit agreement with the San Francisco 49ers for the purchase of a new electronic video board system for Monster Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss asked when the plaque would be installed in Ferry Park and requested that signs be put up in Ferry Park stating that it was a passive park. **Emeric Kalman** spoke about the February 8, 2005 report of the Controller's office. He requested that the Commission update the Bylaws and requested the organizational structure of RPD.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:27p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

March 17, 2005

Commission **President Gloria Bonilla** called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present:
Gloria Bonilla
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin
John Murray

Absent:
Gordon Chin

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President Bonilla announced that item number 4d was removed from calendar.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Yomi Agunbiade spoke in detail on the Natural Areas Program and how the Department was able to bring the two sides together to move forward. There is an agreement now that is signed by both sides. He asked Amber Evans and Lisa Wayne to make a brief presentation on this project. A detailed write-up was submitted in the General Manger's Report.

Nancy Wuerfel thanked Yomi Agunbiade for pulling together the staff and the members of the group that met, for keeping them on track and giving them the opportunity to resolve these issues. She also thanked the staff that assisted in this process and Dan McKenna who helped guide the different points of view to a single focus. She stated she looked forward to having this resolved and then to implementing the plan. **Yomi Agunbiade** then thanked the following members of the public for their participation and hard work in achieving these results: **Nancy Wuerfel, Mary McAllister, Karen Hu, Pinky Kushner, Arthur Feinstein, Jake Sigg.**

Yomi Agunbiade then gave a detailed presentation on the operational changes of the Department. **Mr. Agunbiade** stated that he made these changes after talking to staff, the public, the Mayor's office and the Commission. He believed that staff needed to be given a fighting chance to succeed at what they are being asked to do. He addressed the negative public perception and stated that it is the job of the Department to change that and to meet the needs the public feels should be addressed by the Department. He stated that the Department clearly needed to meet the accountability and service delivery, take ownership of that, and put initiatives in place that address both of those issues. He also talked about the cuts the Department has taken over the last few years and the need to look at its assets and the resources it has internally to increase department generated revenue.

Emeric Kalman wondered if the Department could use any of the Proposition 63 funds. He asked about assisted recreation programs. Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club stated that the General Manager's presentation had addressed his questions on hiring and looked forward to work with the

Department on this process. He also stated that he too wished to join the positive comments earlier on the Natural Areas Plan and looked forward to its implementation. Ernestine Weiss congratulated Yomi Agunbiade on the plan and stated that she looked forward to the Department reaching out to the communities.

On April 2, Day Camp Signups: Create lifelong memories for your children by signing them up for one of our famous summer camps! Camp signups are being held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kezar Pavilion, located on Stanyan and Waller streets. This year, the process for registration has been significantly streamlined; we know your leisure time is valuable and we aim to help you use it wisely!

On April 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, don't miss your chance to support the San Francisco Dahlia Society, enthusiastic champions of the City's official flower, by checking out the Society's Tuber Sale! Invest now and have wildly beautiful flowers in your garden by this fall! Free admission and low prices! This great event will be hosted at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's County Fair Building, located in lovely Golden Gate Park at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way.

On April 2, at 10 a.m. at West Sunset Playground, help the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department swing the bat at the official opening of the San Francisco Spring Youth Baseball League! It's that time of year again to pull out those grubby cleats, practice base running and do some BP! For more information on how you can sign up for spring baseball, please call Bob Palacio at (415) 831-6305.

Also on April 2, support the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Golden Gate Women's Soccer League (GGWSL) and the Women's Premiere Soccer League (WPSL) as we collaboratively host a charity soccer game for the soccer programs of the Mission District! There will be a free soccer clinic for kids to brush up on their skills and there will be a surprise soccer celebrity in the house! Then watch some of the country's best women soccer players scrimmage at 7 p.m. Don't miss this fun event and help support youth in San Francisco! Admission is $8; ages 14 and under are free. All proceeds collected will help aid youth soccer programs.

On April 3, don't miss the fantastic Glen Canyon Natural History Tour, from 10 a.m. to noon! This is your chance to explore this hidden oasis! Hike through grasslands rich in wildflowers and take a look at one of San Francisco's two remaining free-flowing creeks! Your tour guide, Randy, will meet you at Glen Park Recreation Center, located on Bosworth and Elk streets. For more information, please call Kristin Bowman, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Volunteer Coordinator, at (415) 753-7265! This event is free!

LATCHKEY SIGNUPS! April 4 is the beginning of our Summer Latchkey Program Signups, ongoing through May 27. We invite all youths to get involved with this great program. Open registration begins at facilities all over the city. To find out a site near you please go to http://parks.sfgov.org, call (415) 715-4065 or email karla.rosales@sfgov.org! If you sign up now your child will be sure to have a home away from home this summer!

Please check out "Robotics for Fun" on April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Randall Museum, located at 199 Museum Way! Learn to build robots in a fun environment using the "Lego Mindstorms" system! All materials are provided! This is for youths 11 and up. Scholarships are available if you need one.

This awesome workshop is the best $75 workshop your child ever participated in...For more information go to http://parks.sfgov.org or www.randallmuseum.org.

Quadrant 1
Lorraine Banford, Assistant Superintendent
Glen Park and Bernal Heights Complex
Glen Park – Over seeding/fertilizing/repair of worn areas on field complete. Repair of passive turf area underway.

Holly Park – Planting of renovated area at Highland East entrance completed. Baseball field in regular use for permitted games. Volunteer workday planned for April 17th.
St. Mary's – Field prep complete. Preliminary trimming of fire abatement areas bordering the park completed. Seasonal pruning in progress. Equipment prep for summer open space fire abatement underway.
Bernal Recreation – Library beds weeded, new mulch added.
Prentiss MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape areas, weeds removed manually from sand area. Pruning of hedges complete.
Coleridge MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape and sidewalk tree basins.

Quadrant 4
James Threat, Assistant Superintendent

Quadrant 4 gardeners under the supervision of Robert Watkins participated in Clean Team Program in District 7.
Truck # 651-546 stolen from in front of McLaren House – Recovered the next day with damage estimated cost of repairs $2,500.00.
Cargo Container located at Bayview Park broken in. Lost weedeater, blower, edger and saw.
Continued illegal dumping in McLaren Park.

Spring Break and Easter Celebrations
Sunnyside Playground – Tiny Tot class went on an outing to the San Francisco Zoo where they participated in an egg hunt.
Oceanview – In collaboration with several neighborhood organizations had a community egg hunt with over 2000 eggs. Event also featured entertainment, face painting, art & craft projects and a raffle
Hunters Point – hosted a spring break festival with participants Youngblood Coleman, Bernal Heights, Excelsior, Herz, Visitacion Valley and Joseph Lee. The event featured baseball, basketball, art projects, a jumper, refreshments and entertainment.
Visitacion Valley celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter with the youth in their Tiny Tot and Latchkey programs. A Leprechaun was the main attraction at the St. Patrick's function.
Herz Playground – Tiny Tot outing to the Academy of Science and an egg hunt.

Arbor Day
Crocker Amazon and Gilman Playground were active in the Arbor Day Celebration where trees were planted at both locations

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Commissioner Lazarus Item numbers 4 b and c were removed from the consent calendar.
On motion made by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the January and February 2005 meeting.
RES. NO. 0503-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit a San Francisco 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center to fund capital improvements at the site. **RES. NO. 0503-002**

GENERAL CALENDAR

LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
The lower level of the Lake Merced Boathouse provides storage for Lake Merced boating clubs. The clubs were sub-tenants of the operator of the boathouse. The termination of the Boathouse lease in 2003 requires the Department to enter into direct agreements with the boating clubs.

The rental rate previously was set by the Board of Supervisors at $210 per boat per year assessed annually. Prior storage agreements were subject to termination with a 24-hour notice. The proposed license agreement is a 30-day license to accommodate changes that may be required to renovate the entire Boathouse facility. The month rate commensurate with the approved annual rate is $17.50 per boat per month. This item was heard on March 2, 2005 in the Operations Committee and was recommended for inclusion on the consent calendar. The following issues were raised: 1) timing of access to Boathouse, 2) financial reporting language, 3) PGA Tour and 4) safety.

Staff proposed that the Commission consider increasing the boat storage fee to $25 per boat per month to correspond with the increase in the Consumer Price Index since 1992.

Tedi Vriheas requested that these items be put over for a month to try and work out concerns.

The Commission tabled this item until the April 2005 meeting.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2005-06 BUDGET

Katie Petrucione, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration gave a detailed presentation on the Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. She addressed questions from the last budget presentation, updated the Commission on the Citywide budget context, discussed the General Fund budget challenges and solutions, updated the Commission on other funds and discussed the next steps. She did state that the goal was to work within the framework of the Commission's Guidelines to create a baseline budget with no layoffs. She stated that they were successful in achieving that.

Ms. Petrucione discussed the budget balancing measures and the target of $4.3 million. She gave details on the funds that made up each of the changes listed below.

- Revenue Changes $1.5 million
  - Increased fees: $500,000
  - Other measures: $1.0 million

- Expenditure Changes $2.8 million
  - Adjustments to salary budget: $1.9 million
  - Overhead reductions: $600,000
  - Use of alternative funding sources: $300,000

There was detailed discussion by the Commission.

Katherine Howard with the Friends of the Music Concourse had questions about funding specifically about the upcoming surfacing project in the Music Concourse Bowl. Margaret Mori also spoke of her concerns about the surfacing of the Music Concourse Bowl. Louis Dillan spoke about the stables in Golden Gate Park. Emeric Kalman stated that one mission was to provide recreation activities and he believed that should include the physical and mental health of the community.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and directs the staff to include in that budget the revenue proposal made in last years budget submittal for youth athletic league fees or alternatives to fees. If this does increase revenues, the Commission then directs staff to determine what reductions to reverse.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS BUILDING – APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH PALACE OF FINE ARTS LEAGUE, INC.

For over 30 years The Palace of Fine Arts League, Inc. ("Theatre") has operated a Theatre, under a lease agreement with the Department for the purpose of arranging, scheduling, and booking all performances, events and activities at the Theatre for the benefit of the public. Staff is proposing a three-year lease which is terminable upon one year's notice.

The Lease present includes the following terms and conditions:

Premises:	The portion of the Palace of Fine Arts building consisting of approximately 37,000 rentable square feet of space, currently occupied by the Theatre.
Term:	Three years, terminable upon one year's notice at any time from the Theatre. The Lease would commence on April 1, 2005, after Commission approval, and end on March 31, 2008.
Use:	The Theatre may occupy, operate and manage the Premises for the purpose of arranging, scheduling, and booking any and all performances, events and activities at the Theatre for the benefit of the public.
Monthly Rent:	30 cents per square foot, approximately $11,100 per month, for 37,000 rentable square feet of Premises.
Utilities:	Theatre shall be responsible for the monthly cost of all utilities provided to the Premises.
Maintenance:	The Theatre shall maintain, repair and keep the Premises in good condition, consistent with the terms of the City's current standard lease form, at no cost to the City. The City will be responsible, at no cost to the Theatre, to maintain, repair, replace, and keep in good condition the remainder of the Palace of Fine Arts.

Melyvn Mark, representing the Palace of Fine Arts League gave the history of the League and the last lease. He stated that they are willing to pay the $11,100 per month. He stated their concerns with the term. Kevin O'Brien also spoke of their concerns with the term and requested a one-year notice.

On motion of **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a lease with the Palace of Fine Arts league, Inc. for a portion of the Palace of Fine Arts building with the amendment of a 250 day notice to a 360 day notice and authorizes staff to re-execute with the change.

HAYES GREEN PARK JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER

The Draft Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan, prepared by the San Francisco Department of City Planning in collaboration with the Redevelopment Agency and the Department of Public Works, has identified a public open space within Octavia Boulevard bounded by Hayes Street to the north and Fell Street to the south. The proposed Hayes Green Park was founded on a parcel comprising a portion of the former Octavia Street and the former Central Freeway. The Market and Octavia Plan went through an extensive public outreach process, and it is now in the final phase of environmental impact review. The Hayes Green's conceptual plan received necessary environmental and General Plan approvals in October 2003, as well as the unanimous support by the Recreation and Park Commission on May 15, 2003.

The Hayes Green is currently being constructed by Ghilotti Bros. Contractors, the general contractor on the Octavia Boulevard Project, under the management of DPW with a target completion deadline of May 25, 2005. Containing approximately 19, 758 square feet with approximate dimensions of 280 feet in length and 69 feet in width. the Hayes green will consist of the following areas:

- A paved plaza featuring informal and formal seating and tables, specimen tree, and six Washingtonia hybrid palms.
- A central lawn area, flanking a small central plaza with formal seating and special paving. Perimeter walkways, 11 benches, 20 Gingko trees and a raised planter with perennial flowers and groundcovers along the western edge border the lawn.

- A circular play area featuring a domed play structure, partially enclosed by perimeter fencing. Framing the play area to the south is a raised planter with groundcovers and seven Mayten trees. Also in the vicinity of the play area is a gardener shed and drinking fountain.

Site furnishings located throughout the Hayes green will include cast iron bollards, pedestrian-scale lighting, and litter receptacles. A standard Recreation and Park Department park sigh will be located at Hayes Street.

Substantial completion of the Hayes Green construction is anticipated by May 25, 2005. The park is being constructed at no cost to the Recreation and Park Department. The project is funded by the proceeds from DPW's sale of the Central freeway Parcels for City redevelopment purposes.

The transaction cost will amount to Real Estate and City Attorney fees as part of the Department's annual work orders with these agencies for their professional services. There is no hard cost associated with this inter-jurisdictional property transfer.

The Recreation and Park Department will receive from DPW maintenance funds in the amount of $135,000 total or $45,000 per year dedicated to maintaining the Hayes Green during the next three years. The Department is expected to maintain this property as a "mini park", or a park under a half an acre in size, according to the standards listed in the Draft Park Maintenance Standards Manual available for review on the Controller's Office Web site. After the three-year period, the cost of maintaining the facility will be absorbed by the Recreation and Park Department's overall operations budget.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve a jurisdictional transfer of Hayes Green Park containing approximately 19,758 square feet of open space, located at Octavia Boulevard between Hayes and Fell Streets, from the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission under the conditions that the real property be transferred upon completion of its construction by DPW, and that DPW allocate funds in the amount of $135,000 toward the park maintenance.

CHARLIE SAVA SWIMMING POOL – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL

Sava Pool is located on the corner of 19th Avenue and Wawona Street in the Sunset District. It serves primarily the neighboring communities of districts 4, 7, and 11. Data collected indicate that residents from other parts of the City use the facility as well. It is the most heavily used of the Department's 10 swimming pools.

Through the Department of Public Works, the joint venture team of Mark Cavagnero Associates and Paulett Taggart Architects completed the Option Evaluation Summary on the Sava Pool facility in March of 2004. The report identifies various construction options for the replacement of the existing facility. The options include 1) a facility housing one pool with 6 lanes, 2) facility housing one pool with 8 lanes, 3) a facility housing two pools, and 4) a two pool facility constructed in two phases. To date, that staff has held four general community meetings. The community was made aware of the projects' budget constraints. It was agreed that the 8-lane pool would better serve the community and to pursue this option with the understanding that additional funds would be needed. The community did not support the 6-lane x 25-yard option because this would have resulted in a smaller pool than the current pool.

In the placement and massing of the building, the design team took into consideration the following: the natural setting of the adjacent Larsen Park and Stern Grove; the impact on the immediate neighbors on 19th avenue, 20th Avenue, and Vicente Street; and vehicular circulation from 19th Avenue for drop-off and pick-up.

The proposed 8-lane pool design allows for greater flexibility in programming to better accommodate recreational, lap, and competitive swimming for all levels and ages. Spaces include a multi-purpose room for permitted community meetings and children's birthday parties, lifeguard and first aid training, and swim meet and event staging; a family changing room; and inviting entry lobby; men's and women's locker rooms and toilets; and staff support spaces.

The length of the proposed pool is 25 yards - 25 feet shorter than the current unconventional length of 100 feet. In the community meetings, a few lap swimmers have expressed the desire to maintain the longer pool length. However, the 25-yard pool is the nationally accepted standard length for a "short-course" pool in which high schools, men's and women's, boy's and girl's compete, and in which record times are officially recognized. The width of the proposed pool at 63 feet is 13 feet wider than the existing 40 feet width. To make up for the shorter length, the wider pool allows for more lap swim at more times, and can take place concurrently with other aquatic activities. Staff recommends approval the conceptual plan, schedule and budget for this pool.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for the Charlie Sava Swimming Pool at Larsen Park.

COFFMAN POOL

The Department of Public Works, as contacting agents for the City, advertised the construction project on December 23, 2004 and received bids on February 23, 2005. Only one bid was received with a base bid of $7,385,000. The architect's estimate was $4,775,000. The construction budget was $4,903,000 (excluding construction contingencies).

Staff recommends that the Commission reject all bids and allow the Acting General Manager to proceed in an expeditious manner to negotiate a lower bid per Administration code section 6.23C to accomplish this work.

Coffman Pool is located at the corner of Visitacion and Hahn Avenues at the southeast entrance to McLaren Park in the Visitacion Valley district.

In August of 2002, the Recreation and Park Department, through the Department of Public Works, solicited the services of Levy Design Partners, to conduct a building assessment and physical improvement study for the Coffman Pool. During the development of the conceptual plan the architects and staff held numerous workshops and meetings with the steering committee and the general community. Through this process, it was agreed that the replacement of the existing building structure, while preserving and upgrading the existing swimming pool infrastructure would be the most cost-effective approach in the rehabilitation of the pool.

Based on programmatic requirements and the results of the evaluation of the existing building, proposed site and building improvements include; accessible landscaped approach to building entrance; a contemporary and functional building design marking the entrance to McLaren Park energy efficient building systems, and use of durable, maintainable and "green" materials.

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the Coffman Pool Reconstruction Project and authorize the Acting General Manager to proceed in an expeditious manner, per Administration Code Section 6.23c, to negotiate a lower bid price or to revise the scope of the project to not exceed the construction budget.

FAY PARK
Staff presented this item to the Commission and explained that they were requesting that the Commission reject all bids for the Fay Park Garden Renovation Project and authorize the Acting General Manager to negotiate with other contractors.

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the Fay Park Garden Renovation Project and authorize the Acting General Manager to proceed in an expeditious manner, per Administration Code Section 6.23c, to negotiate a lower bid price or to revise the scope of the project to not exceed the construction budget.

PROHIBITION OF USE AND SPONSORHSIP OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Alexandra Hernandez with the Youth Community Health Organizing Project presented this item to the Commission.

The Department of Public Health's Youth community Health Organizing Project has conducted a comprehensive research project to determine the root causes for tobacco use among teens and young adults. Their conclusions have determined that one of the primary causes for youth experimenting with all forms of tobacco products is due to the influence of tobacco industry sponsorship and advertising. These sponsorships and advertisements glorify youth participation in exciting sporting events.

The Department currently prohibits through unwritten policies the use of any tobacco product by youth participating in any Department sponsored league. The proposal before the Commission would formalize this prohibition and extend the policy to: 1) prohibit the use of any tobacco product by youth or adult volunteers or members of the public participating in any department sponsored league; and 2) prohibit any tobacco company of its subsidiaries from sponsoring a youth sports league, Department sports events, or recreational activity. Juanita Recinos with YoCoHOP expressed the need for this item. Ernestine Weiss spoke in support of this item.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0503-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does instruct staff to include as a provision in any athletic field permits, a prohibition on the use of any tobacco product by youth or adult volunteers or members of the public participating in any Department permitted league and prohibit any tobacco company from sponsoring either directly or indirectly a youth sports league.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernestine Weiss requested clarification on the new organizational structure and discussed the budget. Rich Abrahamsen requested that the Commission waive a fee for an event at Stern Grove. Roy Recio spoke in support of naming the new park after Victoria Manalo Draves and discussed all the efforts to date to make this a reality. Katherine Howard spoke on the Music Concourse surfacing.

CLOSED SESSION
The Commission adjourned into closed session at 5:15 p.m.
The Commission reconvened into open session at 5:24 p.m.
The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

April 21, 2005

Commission **President Gloria Bonilla called** the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 2:09 p.m.

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ROLL CALL
Present:
Gloria Bonilla
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin
John Murray

Absent:
Gordon Chin

General Manager's Report

Quadrant 1
Lorraine Banford, Assistant Superintendent

Glen Park and Bernal Heights Complex

- Glen Park – Over seeding/fertilizing/repair of worn areas on field complete. Repair of passive turf area underway.
- Holly Park – Planting of renovated area at Highland East entrance completed. Baseball field in regular use for permitted games. Volunteer workday planned for April 17th.
- St. Mary's – Field prep complete. Preliminary trimming of fire abatement areas bordering the park completed. Seasonal pruning in progress. Equipment prep for summer open space fire abatement underway.
- Bernal Recreation – Library beds weeded, new mulch added.
- Prentiss MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape areas, weeds removed manually from sand area. Pruning of hedges complete.
- Coleridge MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape and sidewalk tree basins.

Quadrant 2
Linda Woo, Assistant Superintendent

Chinese Recreation Center
Thursday, March 24th: Community Easter Party. Over 275 youngsters, ages 12 and under, attended and participated in egg hunts, carnival games, coloring contests and guessing games. Prizes were awarded for the different activities and everyone received a plastic egg filled with treats to take home.

Tuesday, March 29th and Wednesday, March 30th: Middle School Girls Volleyball Playday. Over 75 players from various schools and playgrounds participated. The event went over so well that there is a possibility that a league might be conducted this summer. Over 200 spectators enjoyed the action.

Chinese Playground
Thursday, March 24th: Easter Party for the children in the after school program. The children enjoyed refreshments, games and prizes.

Portsmouth Square
Over 160 Seniors attended the annual Easter Party on Tuesday, March 22nd. Activities included games, coloring contest, and lunch. Prizes were given out for the various activities and everyone received a plastic egg filled with candy and treats.

Community Workshops for the month of March were conducted as follows:
Tuesday, March 1st: "Medicare 2005 – Drug Discount Program", with guest speaker, Doro Ho from CCHP, who talked about the program, the CCHP Senior Program 2005 benefits and Medicare beneficiaries. 74 people attended.

Tuesday, March 8th: "Medical English Terminology Class", with guest speaker, Lau from CCDC, who introduced some basic terms to enable one to communicate with doctors and nurses, to be able to make medical appointments and to read instructions on medicines. Over 80 people attended.

Tuesday, March 15th: "Housing in San Francisco", with guest speakers, Tan Chow and David Ho, from the Chinatown Community Development Center, regarding housing for middle and low-income families, knowing your rights as landlord or tenant. 63 people attended.

Tuesday, March 29th: "Services of Asian Perinatal Advocates", with guest speaker, Amy Yu, Project Coordinator from the CCDC Tenant Services, who spoke about her organization, who they serve and who is eligible to receive their services. 75 people attended.

Gazania planted at the Washington Street entrance.

Tuesday, March 15th: A volunteer group of twenty enthusiastic youngsters, ages 8 to 10, from the Chinatown Beacon, helped clean the park by pulling weeds.

Woh Hei Yuen
Wednesday, March 23rd: An Easter Egg Hunt and egg decorating contest was conducted during the after school program. Awards were given to the winners and everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments.

Ferry Park
Perennials planted.

St. Mary's Square
The RPD Iron Shop installed skateboard block at the problem area in the landscape island.

Moscone Satellite
Thursday, March 24th: Spring Party was conducted and was a great success. Special thanks to Ms. Pat Vaughey, from the Marina community for purchasing supplies and obtained donations from local merchants and to Max Villanueva, Recreation Director at Julius Kahn Playground and his staff and children for great wall posters.

Palace of Fine Arts
The swans are nesting!

Lafayette Park
Planted 60 plants next to the tennis courts.

Alta Plaza
Graffiti continues to be a problem over the weekends.

Boeddeker Park
A collaborative Track and Field program with the Christian Academy is led by Robert McDaniels, Recreation Director, and is well-attended and popular.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Tuesday, March 15th: Graduation ceremony for the completion of Senior University.

Thursday, March 24th: Spring Break Party. Everyone enjoyed arts and crafts, cotton candy, decorations and cupcakes.

Quadrant 4
James Threat, Assistant Superintendent

- Quadrant 4 gardeners under the supervision of Robert Watkins participated in Clean Team Program in District 7.
- Truck # 651-546 stolen from in front of McLaren House – Recovered the next day with damage estimated cost of repairs $2,500.00.
- Cargo Container located at Bayview Park broken in lost weedeater, blower, edger and saw.
- Continued illegal dumping in McLaren Park.

Spring Break and Easter Celebrations

- Sunnyside Playground – Tiny Tot class went on an outing to the San Francisco Zoo where they participated in an egg hunt.
- Oceanview – In collaboration with several neighborhood organizations had a community egg hunt with over 2000 eggs. Event also featured entertainment, face painting, art & craft projects and a raffle
- Hunters Point – hosted a spring break festival with participants Youngblood Coleman, Bernal Heights, Excelsior, Herz, Visitacion Valley and Joseph Lee. The event featured baseball, basketball, art projects, a jumper, refreshments and entertainment.
- Visitacion Valley celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter with the youth in their Tiny Tot and Latchkey programs. A Leprechaun was the main attraction at the St. Patrick's function.
- Herz Playground – Tiny Tot outing to the Academy of Science and an egg hunt.

Arbor Day
Crocker Amazon and Gilman Playground were active in the Arbor Day Celebration where trees were planted at both locations.

Joyce Oishi gave a detailed update on the Golden Gate Park Concourse Bowl surface improvements and the tree protection during those improvements. Kathy Howard, Co-Chair of Friends of the Music Concourse spoke to the placement of the tree species of pollarded trees in the grid of the Concourse Bowl. **Yomi Agunbiade** stated that the Department has and will continue to protect these trees. Margaret Mori discussed the McNeil Report. She stated that she although she is not a certified arborist but she is a quick study. If only 30% of a tree trunk's structure exists it is still a viable tree. Pollarding has nothing to do with the diameter of a tree. What pollarding does – it takes off the weight. So although you do get some infection you take off the weight so you are not dealing with 150 years of heavy branching. Greg Miller discussed pollarding and if properly done preserves trees. There are pollarded trees in Europe today that are over 500 years old. Pollarding enhances the life of the trees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion made by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a fee schedule for the Recreation and Park Department's Tiny Tot/Child Development Programs as well as annual Consumer Price Index increases. **RES. NO. 0504-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors an increase in fees for the Recreation and Park Department's athletic field permits as well as annual Consumer Price Index increases. **RES. NO. 0504-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a restructuring of fees for the Recreation and Park Department's Aquatics Program as well as annual Consumer Price Index increases. **RES. NO. 0504-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new price for group ticket sales for the San Francisco 49ers at Monster Park. **RES. NO. 0504-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the establishment of a dedicated bicycle lane on Conservatory Drive East, from Arguello Boulevard to John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0504-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a design-build construction contract to Reynolds Polymer Technology Inc. in the amount of $2,027,904 for structural acrylic work at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0504-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it authorize the sale of the remaining $79,370,000 in bonds from the $87,445,000 Academy Facility Improvement Bond approved by the San Francisco voters in 2000; and the sale of $29,245,000 in bonds approved by the San Francisco voters in 1995 for the improvement of the Steinhart Aquarium facility and the accompanying supplemental appropriation of the bond proceeds to the Recreation and Park Department. **RES. NO. 0504-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of an ordinance that designate Precita Eyes Muralists as a sole source contractor for art elements. **RES. NO. 0504-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve extending the Helen Wills Park contract duration by an additional 173 days (47% over), to a maximum duration of 538 calendar days. **RES. NO. 0504-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the concept plan for renovations to the Joseph Lee Recreation Center and Playground. **RES. NO. 0504-010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the existing MOU between the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Disc Golf Club to extend the time period for an additional 60 days. **RES. NO. 0504-011**

GENERAL CALENDAR

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL OF FY 2005-06 BUDGET CONTIGENCY LIST

This item was presented by Katie Petrucione, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration. Ms. Petrucione discussed the challenges of the budget for FY 2005-06, the contingencies approved by the Commission last year and the recommended contingencies for this year. Those contingencies are: 1)

Reduce park maintenance staff; 12.0 FTE gardener layoffs, 1.0 FTE park section supervisor layoff, $900,000 2) eliminate cement mason and sheet metal structural maintenance shops and replace with an as needed pool or a job order contracting system: 5.0 FTE; $460,000 reduction and 3) eliminate 1/3 of operating engineers: 2.0 FTE layoffs, $190,000 reduction.

Bill Carlin spoke of his concerns of the effects the layoffs would have on the parks and the recreation centers and the possibility of the Department not being able to get positions back once they are deleted. He also spoke of the need for a volunteer policy. **Ernestine Weiss** spoke about deferred maintenance and the need for long range planning. **Maurico Vela** representing Coleman Advocates spoke of the contributions that the recreation side had already made to the cuts and asked that the Commission not make any further cuts to the recreation side.

After detailed discussion, **Commissioner Murray** made a motion to approve the contingency plan recommended by staff. The motion was duly seconded. That motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Bonilla, Levitan and Murray
Noes: Harrison, Lazarus and Martin

Commissioner Lazarus then made a substitute motion to urge the Mayor's budget office to make any additional Recreation and Park Department budget reductions by reducing program and administrative staff, by delaying the filling of vacant positions or by adding revenues from sources such field rentals and parking fees and furthermore that the Commission opposes any elimination of maintenance positions or any permanent failure to issue requisitions to fill vacant maintenance in FY 2005-06. The motion was duly seconded. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Bonilla, Levitan and Murray
Noes: Harrison, Lazarus and Martin

CAPITAL PLAN – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

Per the San Francisco Charter, the Recreation and Park Department shall prepare, for Commission consideration and approval, a five-year Capital Plan, to be updated annually, for the development, renovation, replacement and maintenance of capital assets, and the acquisition of real property. In its Capital Plan the Department shall propose specific properties to be acquired for open space, recreation facilities, significant natural areas, and other recreational purposes and shall prioritize capital and maintenance improvements and provide budgets associated with such improvements. Capital and acquisition projects will be designated by the Department based upon needs identified by the Department and the community. Capital projects will include the planning, design and construction of projects that rehabilitate, restore or replace existing facilities or that develop new facilities. Acquisition projects will include but will not be limited to, purchase lease, exchange, eminent domain, license or any other vehicle given the City a right, whether revocable or not, to use real property, or any interest therein, or any improvement or development rights thereon, for recreational purposes, including but not limited to protection of natural resources, development of community gardens and development of urban rails, proved that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no acquisition of less than fee simple title may be for a term of less than ten years.

Over the years, the Capital Plan document has continued to evolve to include more comprehensive information on the progress and status of the capital program. This document is comprised of the three chapters, containing detailed information on the efforts of the division over the past year, as well as specified objectives for the continued progress of the program over the next year and over the course of the 10-year cycle. The report is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1 serves as a report introduction for those who are not familiar with the Recreation and Park Department's Capital Program. It includes general background and history of the program, as well as information on the report format and content.
- Chapter 2 contains detailed information on key developments in the Capital Program over the plan year. This includes scope, budgets and schedules for projects that were active during that year, developments in the program's finances including a year-end financial plan, and information on key events that have occurred or action taken during the course of the plan year.

- Chapter 3 focuses on goals and objectives for the program over the next year and into the future. This chapter includes an Implementation Plan that lists and prioritizes future capital improvement projects.

The most significant changes made to the report this year relate to the portion previously referred to as the list document. This document consists of a project list mapping projects to be initiated over a period of 10 years. The 2003 Capital Plan was organized into six sections: Neighborhood Parks, Natural Areas, Urban Forestry, Acquisitions, Master Plans and Others.

In this 2004 report, the project list document is now referred to as the Implementation Plan and can be found in Chapter 3 of the report. The breakup of the lists into six sections has been eliminated because it became evident during the progress of the program that this system posed problems during implementation. Urban Forestry has been removed from the 2004 Implementation Plan. The program continues for move forward in the Department on a tract independent of the Capital Program. While Capital Improvement projects often include forestry work, they are not currently coordinated with the Department's greater Urban Forestry Plan.

The most significant change is the removal of the Start Year information in the project list. Start Years have been replaced by a system of Phases and Priorities that correspond directly to the start year system previously presented. As the program progressed, it became apparent that the resources available, in both funding and staff, could not keep up with the aggressive schedule presented in the Capital Plan Project List. Staff recommended approval of the Capital Plan with the Addendum as presented by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee.

Emeric Kalman spoke of the difficulties he has in following the report. He requested that a summary of what was approved and appropriated for and spent on Capital Projects be included.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0504-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the updated Capital Plan as presented in the Capital Improvement Division's 2004 Annual Report as amended.

FAY PARK

The Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for the renovation of Fay Park. The Department received one responsive bidder from Valentine Corporation who submitted a construction base bid of $616, 369 and one alternate of $18,000. The base bid is $7,000 under the proposed engineer's estimate, which was set at $623,000. The alternate item which is an upgrade to the basic steel handrails is under consideration to be funded by a gift. While the firm was initially found unqualified per the carpentry specifications, they have subsequently demonstrated and assured us that their staff can and will fulfill the stringent requirements. Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate the 5-month construction project.

Lucretia Rauh spoke in support of this item and of the support of the entire neighborhood.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0504-0114

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Valentine Corporation in the amount of $616,369 for the Fay Park Garden Renovation award.

VISITACTION VALLEY GREENWAY/SENIOR PARK

Senior Park of the Visitacion Valley Greenway is located near Rutland and Arleta Streets in the southest quadrant of San Francisco. The site received a $100,000 State grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for construction of capital improvements, which is to be completed by May 31, 2005.

The Department awarded a construction contract to Synergy Project Management in March 2005 for an amount of $64, 471, which is well below the engineer's estimate and bid average of around $109,000. The difference, if unspent on the construction contract, may revert to the State.

Change orders would be issued to address unanticipated site conditions and to implement portions of the Phase 2 improvements at Senior Park.

The Department is requesting authorization to exceed the 10% limit, but not to exceed the $100,000 in the total contract amount.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0504-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve change orders exceeding 10% of the original contract, but not to exceed a total contract amount of $100,000, with Synergy Project Management for Phase I improvements.

Items Number 9 and 10 were heard as one item but voted on separately.

LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE BOAT STORAGE AGREEMENT AND RATE INCREASE

The lower level of the Lake Merced Boathouse provides storage for Lake Merced boating clubs. The clubs were sub-tenants of the operator of the boathouse. The termination of the Boathouse lease in 2003 requires the Department to enter into direct agreements with the with the boathouse clubs.

The rental rate previously was set by the Board of Supervisors at $210 per boat per year assessed annually. Prior storage agreements were subject to termination with 24-hour notice. The proposed license agreement is a 30-day license to accommodate changes that may be required to renovate the entire Boathouse facility. The monthly rate commensurate with the approved annual rate is $17.50 per boat per month.

Market rates for dry boat storage range from $29 to $80 per month.

Staff proposes that the Commission consider increasing the boat storage fee to $25 per boat per month from $17.50. The rate increase will generate about over $8,000 a year in annual income. Increasing the rate prior to seeking proposals for reuse of the boathouse may also improve appeal to potential developers of the boathouse for recreational uses.

These items were heard at both the Operations Committee and the full Commission meetings in March this year. At both meetings concerns were raised and this item was continued for a month to allow staff to meet with Pacific Rowing Club staff. The following changes were recommended to the license agreement after that meeting:

- Clarification of the exclusive and nonexclusive license areas to limit concerns over licensee maintenance and repair requirement of nonexclusive use areas.
- Revision of rules to reflect the needs of the youth rowing program.
- Morning access allowed at 5:00 a.m. rather than one hour before sunrise.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0504-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a license agreement for boat storage at the Lake Merced Boathouse and to authorize the General Manager to enter into month-to-month agreements with the rowing clubs using the Boathouse.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0504-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does increase the boat storage rate for Lake Merced Boathouse.

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

Commission Liaison, **Margaret McArthur** read into the record notification only of a change in the time of the regular scheduled meeting of the Capital Program Committee form 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at City Hall. This item will be voted on at the regular scheduled meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission May 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle stated her concerns about the closure of Mission parks and recreation centers one day a week. **Bill Carlin** stated his concerns of specific members of the DAC, suggested that they be removed and the composition of the committee be revisited. **David Sasson** representing Courtney Love LLP stated she is concern about the people who hang out in GGP. **Andrea O'Leary** addressed what she believed is a good start to a dialog to the enforcement of dog leash laws in San Francisco. **Ernestine Weiss** spoke about having a passive park and no ball playing. She also talked about the plaque she believes should be placed in Ferry Park honoring her. **Kathy Howard** addressed the surface improvements at the Concourse and the McNeill Report. **Margaret Mori** thanked the Commission for listening and working with them. She stated that they believed the Concourse area was the prime historical area in San Francisco. She asked that the McNeill Report be put on the agenda. **Emeric Kalman** spoke of money already spent on the new Marina plan when neither the Commission nor the Board of Supervisors had approved the project. He stated he believed this was an idiotic project.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus notified the Commission that he would not be at the May commission, and June committee and commission meetings. He asked that we look at coordinating with CalTrans on Park Presidio and the possibility of getting the Federal Department of Transportation designating Park Presidio as a historic highway, thus freeing up landscaping and other federal grant moneys that could be used. He also reminded the staff of the requirement for an annual report and noted that lower Fort Mason area is going to paid parking. He asked if we were also considering paid parking at the Marina.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

May 19, 2005

Commission **President Gloria Bonilla** called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 2:03 p.m.

President Bonilla announced that item 4C was moved from the consent calendar and to the general calendar. Item 9 will be heard out of order, following item 4C.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Larry Martin, Vice President
Tom Harrison
Meagan Levitan
John Murray

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Absent
Gordon Chin
Jim Lazarus

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Bonilla announced that the Department would be moving forward with the hiring of the Deputy of Operations. She also announced that all of the contingency budget cuts were off the table. In addition, the Department will be able to add more Capital Projects and she stated she would explain in further detail the list as it was finalized. She then presented special acknowledgments of retirement to the following retirees: **Janice Gloe, Christopher Woods, Tera Wattles and Joyce Dinslage.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
Peace Plaza: Japantown Community Landmark Project
The California Japanese American Community Leadership Council is proposing to install an historic monument on the Post Street sidewalk adjoining Japantown Peace Plaza. The monument, scheduled for a public unveiling on June 2nd, 2005, captures the story of the Japanese American community in each of the three remaining Japantowns in the State of California. The proposed project is currently being reviewed by the Bureau of Street Use & Mapping, the Recreation and Park Department, and the Arts Commission.

Quadrant 1:
Lorraine Banford, Assistant Superintendent

Glen Park/Bernal Heights Complex
Park Section Supervisor: Marianne Bertuccelli
Glen Park – Overseeding/fertilizing/repair of worn areas on field complete. Repair of passive turf area underway. Volunteer April 23rd.
Holly Park – Planting of renovated area at Highland East entrance completed. Baseball field in regular use for permitted games. Volunteer work day April 17th.
St. Mary's – Field prep complete. Preliminary trimming of fire abatement areas bordering the park completed. Seasonal pruning in progress. Equipment prep for summer open space fire abatement underway.
Bernal Rec. – Library beds weeded, new mulch added.

Prentiss MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape areas, weeds removed manually from sand area. Pruning of hedges complete.
Coleridge MP – Weeds sprayed & removed from hardscape and sidewalk tree basins.

Mission Satellite
Recreation Supervisor: Elizabeth Gee
Mission Playground -A music studio in which youth and teens learn how to mix music has been set up. 18 youth are participating on the 6th grade baseball team.
St. Mary's - Hosted a basketball tournament in which 220 participants played basketball. Continues to serve 80 youth through co-ed baseball teams and pee wee sports classes.
Jose Coronado Playground - More than 250 people participated in soccer through teams and leagues sponsored by staff.

Christopher/Noe Complex
Park Section Supervisor: Teresa O'Brien
Christopher Playground - Sod Work on the field.
Eureka Valley Library - Cleaning and weed-eating around the perimeter.
Upper Noe Recreation Center - Sod work completed to repair damage caused by heavy equipment.

Western Addition Complex
Park Section Supervisor: Anthony Tudoni
All parks were weeded and sprayed.
Projects completed with volunteers: Koshland, Jefferson, Hayes Valley,
Rose Page Mini Park and Buena Vista Park.
Buchannan Mall – Irrigation repaired and trees planted in conjunction with the Department of Public Works.

Quadrant Challenges:
Staffing levels continue to be a challenge especially in the Christopher and Mission Complexes. Delays in equipment repairs continue to be a challenge.

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Quadrant 2:
Linda Woo, Assistant Superintendent

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
The Friday afternoon Hip Hop Dance Group received a $250.00 grant and will perform at this year's Sixth Street Fair.

Boeddeker Park
Program collaboration are successfully continuing with many groups, including Glide Memorial Church, the Christian Academy, Youth With A Mission, Friends of Boeddeker Park and Presentation Seniors.
Saturday, April 16th: Friends of Boeddeker Park Volunteer Workday. Six volunteers from Vanderbilt participated.
A special birthday party was held in honor of Melvin, one of the seniors who turned 75.

Tenderloin Children's Playground
Friday, April 1st: The Tenderloin Staff hosted a Spring Barbecue at Golden Gate Park for over 60 youth. The day included free carrousel rides, hot dogs, cheeseburgers and group games.
Thursday, April 7th: The Girls Club an in-house BINGO session for 30 participants, ages 6 to 14 years. A young employed parent, who graduated from the Tenderloin's Children's Playground program donated all the prizes.

Saturday, April 9th: The Indonesian Housing Development Center and the Tenderloin Children's Playground hosted the 3rd Annual Cambodian New Years Festival in the Tenderloin. There were game booths, food booths, carnival-type treats, music and cultural entertainment. Approximately 350 people participated.

Wednesday, April 13th: Girls Club members cleared out an area in the yard to build their own "Girls Club Garden". A planter box has been ordered by staff and will be placed in a more ideal location to start this project so that it will have an everlasting effect at the Center.
Wednesday, April 20th: The Lacrosse Team from Notre Dame de Namur University hosted a Lacrosse training clinic at the Playground. 25 participants, ages 6 to 14, enjoyed the sport and the pizza afterwards.
Friday, April 22nd: A Backgammon Tournament was held from 4 to 6:30 pm. 12 children participated and had a great time. Refreshments were served and prizes were awarded.
Thursday, April 28th: The Girls Club hosted a Mancala Tournament. 12 participants played a series of serious, yet, fun game of Mancala. Winners received a special goodie prize. Everyone received a treat.

Washington Square
Lawn renovated following the O'Reilly's Oyster Festival.
Tom O'Connor, gardener, has planted a new Mediterranean garden on the Filbert Street side of the park. Looks great!
The issue of poor lighting has resurrected. Apparently a woman was raped one evening in early April or late March.

Ina Coolbrith Park
Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor, has been meeting with representatives from the Friends of Ina Coolbirth Park to discuss reforestation and ways to spend some money that the Friends group has.

Ferry Park
The Fuchsia hillside is really developing and in full bloom.
Locks have been installed on the dumpsters to address the problem of overflowing trash as a result of dumping by the public.
Monday, April 18th: Memorial service was held for Cynthia Stanley, a gardener, who had succumbed to valiant fight with breast cancer on February 27, 2005. A cherry tree was planted in her memory.
Earth Day: Flowers were painted on little boxes and hung from trees along the walkway. Student volunteers from the Chinatown Beacon also contributed artwork.
Saturday, April 16th: John Miller, gardener, led a group of volunteers from Sales Force. They chipped and weeded.

Coit Tower
Friday, April 15th: Volunteer party led by John Miller, gardener. Weeded and chipped around the perennials on various hillsides.

Chinese Recreation Center
The 18 & under boys basketball league was completed, after 3 months of play, with over 40 players in the playoffs and over 100 spectators in the stands.
Saturday, April 16th: Twelve teens from the Chinese Recreation Center participated in the Grand Re-Opening of Helen Wills Playground by volunteering in conducting the arts and crafts activities. Jerry Wong, Recreation Director, came on his day off to coordinate with the teens.

Chinese Playground
The 2-On-2 basketball league, for boys ages 11 to 14, is continuing on Saturdays. The league has just completed its ninth week, with over 20 players and at least 40 spectators each week.

Helen Wills Park
Saturday, April 16th: Grand Re-Opening of the playground. The weather was perfect! It was a very successful reunion and happy event for the community. Many thanks to the Chinese Center Satellite and Complex staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication:
Elaine Tom, Assistant Recreation Supervisor, helped set up the day before, coordinated with Pat Wiley on the children's activities and organized volunteers and staff to help on the day of the event.
Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor organized a crew, the day before, to help set up and prepare the facility for the event. Ms. Choate also assisted on the day of the event by ensuring that there were trash cans, liners, extension cords and a vehicle to haul away some of the trash from the event.

Bonnie Cassinelli and Chris Huie, Recreation Directors, prepared the facility for this event and worked hard on the day of the event.
Jerry Wong, Recreation Director from Chinese Recreation Center, came in on his day off to work with the teens on the children's activities.
Oliver Chan, Recreation Director from Chinese Playground, cancelled his vacation day in order to come and help with the event.
Fang Wong, As-needed Assistant Recreation Director, who was assigned to Woh Hei Yuen for the day, came in early on his own time to assist with children's activities.
Serene Chu, As-needed Assistant Recreation Director, and Jennifer Tom, Recreation Director, performed with the Gee Yung Lion Dance Group in the opening ceremonies on their day off.
Twelve teens from the Chinese Recreation Center also volunteered their time.

Thanks also to Pat Wiley for coordinating the arts and crafts activities and to Robert Watkins and his crew for helping with set-up and preparation for the event.

Portsmouth Square Recreation Center
Community Workshops conducted this month were as follows:
Tuesday, April 5th: "From Mind to Water: How We Can Improve Our Physical Mental Well-Being", with guest speaker, Wing Yeung, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, UCSF. 78 people attended.
Tuesday, April 12th: "Mental Health Issues of Aging", with guest speakers, Hung Ming Chu, M.D., Psychiatrist; Edward Koo, L.C.S.W. and Chang Yeong Lun, M.S.W. 65 people attended.
Tuesday, April 19th: "Self-Help and Kitchen Medicines", with guest speakers, Dr. Wen Xu, Acupuncturist and Rudy Kao, L.C.W.S., Private Practitioner. 90 people attended.
Tuesday, April 26th: Outing to Angel Island organized by the recreation staff. The seniors took the Blue and Gold Fleet to the Island and was greeted by a guide for a one hour tram ride and historical talk tour. Staff barbecued chicken, hot dogs and shishkabob, served salad, fresh fruit, buns and beverages for lunch. After lunch, the seniors visited the museum near the picnic area, relaxed and enjoyed the outdoors before returning to the City on the boat. It was a wonderful and memorable event. Many expressed their gratitude for they would not have had the opportunity to be able to enjoy this experience on their own.
Tuesday, April 5th: Volunteer group of children from the Chinatown Beacon planted the area that they had weeded during their previous volunteer workday.
Thursday, April 7th: Volunteer workday with Cathay Pacific Airlines employees, driven by DPW, work in the Chinatown area, including Portsmouth Square.
Friday, April 8th: Crabapple tree fell down on the upper lawn. Root failure, probably due to soggy conditions in the lawn.

Woh Hei Yuen
The Gee Yung Lion Dance Group, which practices occasionally on Saturday afternoons, performed at the Grand Re-Opening of Helen Wills Park on Saturday, April 16th. Following custom, a scroll was presented to the playground for best wishes and good luck.
Congratulations to Richard Chow, Recreation Director and his wife! They are proud parents of new baby girl, Laurie. When Richard returned to work this month, the after-school children and co-ed teen club made a banner to welcome him back. He was pleasantly surprised, since he returned on a Saturday, and the children normally attend the Monday through Friday program.

LaFayette Square
Saturday, April 2nd: Volunteer workday. 9 volunteers, led by Roberto Lopez removed hebes from lower meadow.
Thursday, April 7th: Crew project. Pollarding elm trees and ivy removal from the slopes.
Hardenbergia vines have been planted along the tennis court.
Marina Green
Thursday, April 21st: Crew project. Edging of Marina Boulevard.
Weed abatement.

Palace of Fine Arts
Friday, April 1st (evening): Tires were stolen off a city-owned truck.
50' Eucalyptus tree fell on Baker Street. Tree toppers were called in to assist with removal.
Swans are ready to hatch some eggnets.
The lighting has been repaired in the Rotunda.

Alta Plaza
Weed abatement and edging.
Friday, April 22nd: Students from the Convent of the Sacred Heart planted a "Arbutus Marina" tree on the Scott Street side in honor of Arbor Day.

Julius Kahn Playground
Planted a red plum tree along the fence.
Fountain problems and two irrigation brea.

Quadrant 3
Mike Morlin, Assistant Superintendent - There is no report/highlight at this time.

Quadrant 4
James Threat, Assistant Superintendent

1st Tee Golf Program:
Miraloma Playground and Oceanview Recreation Center began participation in this program at Harding Park. Total participants from both sites 11.

Soccer Skills Clinic:
Herz Playground hosted a soccer skill clinic sponsored by Herz Recreation Staff and Real Alternatives for Kids (ROCK) in which the youth were taught some of the basic beginner skills to participate in soccer. Total participants 40.

Fishing:
The senior program participants at Silver Terrace had an outing to Paradise Point near Stockton where they rented 2 boats and had an enjoyable day of fishing.

Walk a thon:
The Seniors at Joseph Lee Gym in conjunction with network for the Elders participated in a fitness walk-a thon at India Basin. Community booths, lunch and music provided

Fashion show:
The youth from the Bayview Community has a fashion show Joseph Lee in which 40 or more show off some of the latest fashion wear for teens.

Youth Baseball:
Teams from Jackson, Junipero Serra, Gilman, Potrero Hill and Oceanview are currently participating in the league.

Gardening Project:
The Louis Sutter Latchkey youth began a "Gardening Beautification" program.

Maintenance:
Still struggling to maintain the McLaren complex with excessive dumping and a staff shortage.
Quadrant 4 gardening staff assisted in preparing Helen Wills Recreation Center for its Grand Opening Ceremony. Staff continues to provide service for Dolores Park.

Community Clean team:
Staff from Quadrant 4 assisted in the Community Clean Team Program in District 5

Meetings:
Kristin Bowman and Robert Watkins to develop work scope for volunteer clean up in McLaren Park in August. Anticipate over 600 college students.
Rose Dennis and Dee Minor to establish an outreach staff person at Southeast College Campus.

Yomi Agunbiade updated the Commissioner on what the Department was doing in regard to recreation programming.

Patrick Hannan, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee gave a report. He stated the committee passed the following resolution: " That the City and County of San Francisco should adopt the policy that any property of the Port of San Francisco, that is retired from active maritime use, shall be converted to recreation and open space for the enjoyment of all San Franciscans". **Commissioner Murray** asked if the Port had any feedback or if they had any comment on this. Patrick stated that the Port would like to come in and discuss this with the committee. **Commissioner Murray** encouraged Patrick to get the reports to the Commission in a timely manner.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Item 4C was removed from the consent calendar and moved to the General calendar

Fred Basconcillo thanked the Commission for hearing and approving the initiative naming the new park the Victoria Manalo Draves Park. **President Bonilla** asked that all the members of the public who had been part of this naming stand so that they may be recognized for their efforts. Martin MacIntyre requested that item 4I be moved to the general calendar to discuss one condition – to face the stage west away from the surrounding neighborhoods. He stated that he was only given two minutes at the committee and that the Permittee was given unlimited time. He didn't believe that the acoustical sound consultant hired by the Department was a qualified acoustical sound consultant as is required by the policy and noted that he wasn't listed in the phone book. **Commissioner Murray** stated that the issue was around the approval of the AIDS Walk permit and that sound was part of it. He stated that he did not have any issues with his vote on this item at the committee but did feel that the Commission could have done a little better job on managing the testimony. He recommended not pulling it from the consent calendar. **Deputy City Attorney Virginia dario Elizondo** stated that the item in discussion was the approval of a permit of which the sound was a component. The reason this was brought forward was because of the overall policy not the Sharon Meadow Sound Policy. **Commissioner Murray** acknowledged the concerns but stated that there was a good discussion of the AIDS Walk plan for mitigation this time around and that he thought it would be effective. Joan Wood requested that the Commission remove item 4G from the consent calendar. She was not prepared at the committee hearing. She stated that the chair of Friends of Washington Square had sent a letter to the committee outlining their opposition. She felt that a bad pattern was being established by allowing the noise to be extended. Dawne Bernhardt stated she had the same request - to have the item moved to the general calendar. She stated that the Friends of Washington Square had raised $75,000 for the lights at Washington Square and that they were 100% dedicated to the health of the Square. She felt that the balance between community use and commercial use is being shifted enormously. In addition to the sound she stated that they have an enormous concern about the alcohol in the park. Ernestine Weiss stated that she was sympathetic to their needs at Washington Square as she said they deal with noise at Justin Herman Plaza.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the March 2005 meeting.
RES. NO. 0505-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0505-002**

Purchase From Ferry Van Stralen Akker46 3232 RA Brielle Netherlands USDA – N/A	5.5 San Francisco Garter Snake	$1775.00/grp
Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel 331 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94109 USDA – N/A	0.4 Guinea Pig	$25.00 each $100.00 total
Donation From Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel 331 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94109 USDA – N/A	0.2 Rabbit	NIL
California Academy of Sciences 875 Howard Street SF, CA 94103 USDA – N/A	Colony – Carpenter Ants	NIL
California Academy of Sciences 875 Howard Street SF, CA 94103 USDA – N/A	Colony – Harvester Ants	NIL
Donation To Richard Micke 24900 4th Avenue Los Molinos, CA 96055 USDA – N/A	0.7 Chickens	NIL
Akron Zoological Park 500 Edgewood Avenue Akron, OH 44307-2199 USDA 31-C-0001	0.0.12 Prairie Dog	NIL
John Ball Zoological Garden 1300 W Fulton Street Grand Rapids, MI 48067 USDA 34 – C-0003	0.0.12 Prairie Dog	NIL
Returned For Placement Safari West 3115 Porter Creek Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404 USDA #93-C-0579	1.0 Scimitar-horned oryx	NIL

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new three-year Revocable Permit for the operation of the Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School at Grattan Clubhouse and Playground (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Christopher Playground (Wednesday). **RES. NO. 0505-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request for Proposals package for the lease and management of the Gift Shop, Food and Beverage and Elevator Operations at Coit Tower.

RES. NO. 0505-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does retroactively approve a five-season Lease with Mather Saddle and Pack Company for the operation of a horse rental concession at Camp Mather.

RES. NO. 0505-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve North Beach Jazz Festival's request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and extend the beverage and park usage until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2005. **RES. NO. 0505-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a Permit to Anmarie Currier for the Operation of a Youth Summer Tennis Camp at the Golden Gate Tennis Complex. **RES. NO. 0505-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a permit for the use of Sharon Meadow by The Aids Foundation for the annual "Aids Walk" on Sunday, July 17, 2005 and permit amplified sound from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. **RES. NO. 0505-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does name the former Bessie Carmichael Elementary School site, informally known as SOMA Park, as Victoria Manalo Draves Park. **RES. NO. 0505-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does change the time of the regular scheduled meeting of the Capital Program Committee from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at City Hall.

RES. NO. 0505-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the extension of time for the Garfield Playground Renovation Construction Contract from 180 calendar days to 242 calendar days.

RES. NO. 0505-011

LAKE MERCED – PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURES

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar because the aerial photograph presented at the Operations Committee meeting of the proposed location for the Juan Bautista de Anza (de Anza) sculpture was inaccurate. Staff recommends approval by the Commission with the revised aerial photograph.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the permanent placement of the King Carlos III sculpture at the Lake Merced Boat House and de Anza sculpture in the Sunset Circle parking lot on Lake Merced.

MARINA BRANCH LIBRARY

President Bonilla introduced the new City Librarian Louis Herrera. Mr. Herrera gave some background on the Marina Branch Library and asked for the Commissions support and approval of the resolution before them. **Commissioner Murray** gave background on why the resolution was before them today and stated his support for this item.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-013

WHEREAS, In 1948, the Recreation & Park Commission (the "Commission") by Res. No. 94, consented to the transfer of a portion of Funston Playground to the Library Commission (the "Library") for the purpose of establishing a branch library at that location, and such transfer was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Board") by Board Res. No. 7352 dated April 5, 1948; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 803, dated June 26, 1952, the Commission set aside additional property for the for use of the library, describing such property in particular metes and bounds; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 849, dated August 14, 1952, the Commission authorized the submittal of Res. No. 803 to the Board, describing the area as "a parcel of 34,600 square feet in addition to the 6,000 square feet originally transferred...."; and

WHEREAS, The Commission was advised by the City Attorney, based on Opinion No. 250, dated September 13, 1950, that such transfer of park land was prohibited, thereby rendering the transfer of the land to the Library null and void. However, the City Attorney opined, the Library could build a branch library on park property with the consent of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 953, dated November 13, 1952, the Commission rescinded Resolution Nos. 803, 849 and 891 relating to the transfer of the property based on the Opinion of the City Attorney, but granted the Library permission to build a Branch Public Library on a portion of Funston Playground describing the area in metes and bounds different from the area described in the void Board resolution; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 1112, on April 23, 1953, the Commission rescinded Resolution Nos. 803, 849, 891, and 953, but granted the Library permission to erect and maintain a Branch Public Library on a portion of Funston Playground bordering on Chestnut Street, not otherwise particularly described, at no expense to the Commission, so long as the property continued to be used for public library purposes; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 1215, on August 13, 1953, the Commission approved the final plans for a branch library on a portion of Funston Playground, not otherwise particularly described, now known as the Marina Branch Library; and

WHEREAS, Recreation and Park Department staff will work with the City's Division of Real Estate to ensure that the City's records correctly show that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the property on which the Marina Branch Library is located; and

WHEREAS, The Library proposes to expand the Marina Branch Library by about 1,000 square feet toward Chestnut Street in a location currently not used as open space (*see*, Attachment A) at no expense to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Library agrees to use the property exclusively for the operation and maintenance of the Marina Branch Library, which may include associated parking, outdoor benches, kiosks and congregation areas within the footprint shown on Attachment A, and community based meetings or activities in accordance with the Library's meeting room policies; and

WHEREAS, The Library agrees to fund construction, operation, and maintenance of the Marina Branch Library and the associated area as shown in Attachment A, solely at the Library's expense; and,

WHEREAS, The Library agrees to expand and renovate the Marina Branch Library in conformance with Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, The Library will consult with Department staff in developing any future conceptual plans to expand the Marina Branch Library outside of the footprint shown in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, The Library agrees to comply with all applicable laws, including the City's Charter, with respect to the Library's use of park property; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Recreation and Park Commission hereby approves the expansion and renovation of the Marina Branch Library under the jurisdiction of the Commission, in conformance with Attachment A. Any future expansion or renovation of the Marina Branch Library beyond the plan approved herein will require Commission approval.

BAYVIEW PARK – 5600 THIRD STREET PROJECT SHADOW IMPACT

Commissioner Murray stated that at the Operations Committee the Commission asked staff to look at how the Department could collaborate more and have some enhancement of the park in light of the shadow impact. He stated that the developers had come back with suggestions that he felt were wonderful and thanked them. He stated that this item would otherwise have been on the consent calendar.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed Third Street Project will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Bayview Park as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance).

CIVIC CENTER

To memorialize UN World Environment Week in San Francisco, June 1-5, Shell Solar has offered to engineer, construct, donate and install at 1.5 kW solar array to be located on the roof of the elevator building of the parking structure at the Civic Center.

This is proposed to be a permanent installation that will make the utility meter run backwards, with electrical power used on-site for energy-conservation and cost-savings. The solar array also serves as part of the plan to upgrade the facility as part of the City's preparedness system.

There will be no charge to the City for use of the equipment, and City will not charge Shell Solar for the right to place equipment on City property. In addition, City approved two-sided inside window posters are intended for education on solar energy benefits, and will not disrupt the activities of the concessionaire offering coffee and party service. The posters will not be used by Shell Solar, or any other entity, for any sale solicitation, advertising or profit making purposes.

Staff spoke to Peter O'Donnell of San Francisco Department of the Environment, informing him that he needed to provide copies of all required approval, permits, and signed and approved engineering drawing. Such drawings have to take in to consideration the current roof design and any design for future renovation of the roof. All approvals, permits, drawings, etc. are due prior to constructions and due before the Commission can take any action to approve. In addition, staff asked that a MOU be created that addresses the responsibility of long term maintenance and repair since the Department does not have the expertise or personnel to do such work.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with Shell Solar to install, operate and maintain a solar array panel on top of the Civic Center Garage elevator roof and does delegate to the General Manager the approval of the final version which will include the Department's logo on the poster.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT –GOLF FEE INCREASE

The Recreation and Park Commission and the Board of Supervisors have previously approved a change to the Park Code to allow rates at San Francisco municipal golf courses to be increased annually by the CPI rounded to the nearest dollar. Staff is requesting this be altered further by adding the provision of the possibility of increasing each resident rate category annually by CPI and each non-resident rate category by up to two times CPI, round up or down to the nearest dollar, or up to $1.00 with Commission approval. The CPI increase is virtually ineffective on extremely suppressed rates, as the factored amount of the increase each year does not meet the 51% needed to round the rate to the next dollar amount. A few rates, especially at Golden Gate Park golf course, are considerably lower than other courses and could be gradually adjusted with the up to $1.00 increase option. The Department would not be required to raise any rates, but this change would allow the Department more flexibility in managing reasonable increase to certain categories form year to year. Staff is also recommending the annual increase formula be extended to Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses and to Gleneagles Golf Course. Staff noted that the specific rates were listed in the Commission packets. Staff noted a change on Exhibit A: the Standard 18-Weekday is $23 and the Standard 9 - Weekend is $18. **Commissioner Murray** stated that these fees would make

the courses more marketable and increase revenues. He also stated his disappointment in the inclusion of what was essentially a fee waiver at Lincoln Golf Course. **Commissioner Harrison** stated his support of a fee waiver for the Junior Golf event. **Commissioner Levitan** supported **Commissioner Murray**'s comments.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an increase in the golf fees at the following golf courses: Harding Park, Golden Gate and Glenn Eagles as amended above by staff on the Standard 18-WD, the Standard 9-WE on Exhibit A and excluding the cart reference on Exhibit B.

FRANK "SANDY" TATUM CLUBHOUSE

In April of 2005, the Recreation and Park Department in partnership with the First Tee of San Francisco and the San Francisco Parks Trust embarked on a capital campaign, seeking philanthropic contributions to fund an approximately 15,000 square foot clubhouse to support the day-to-day activities of the golf course patrons and participants of the First Tee of San Francisco (which will be based out of the clubhouse). The clubhouse will also satisfy the PGA TOUR'S requirements to house a World Golf Championship event this year and in years to come. To that end, individuals and family non-profit associations have donated generously towards the completion of the project, in support of numerous public benefits. As the clubhouse nears completion, staff is seeking Commission approval of the donor recognition program for the clubhouse.

Staff is proposing to recognize all donors who have made contributions of $10,000 and above on a 2-foot by 3-foot bronze plaque, placed between the main staircase and the entry to the restaurant. In addition to listing donor names, the plaque will read:

"The Recreation and Park Commission acknowledges and thanks Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., Chuck and Helen Schwab and those donors who made possible the Frank "Sandy" Tatum Clubhouse and the First Tee Chapter of San Francisco."

In addition, staff proposes to recognize donors making major contributions above a certain level with smaller individual plaques associated with various rooms in the clubhouse and at the First Tee Practice Range (this is part of the demised premises under the agreement with the First Tee of San Francisco), based on the level of contribution made. The level is not specified because contributions are still being received.

Commissioner Murray made special note of former Commissioner Rich Guggenhime who made this clubhouse happen. He thanked staff, all the donors and Sandy Tatum and Rich Guggenhime for all their efforts.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0505-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the donor recognition program for Frank "Sandy" Tatum Clubhouse and that the Commission present Rich Guggenhime with a certificate thanking him.

Commissioner Bonilla needed to leave at this time and there was no longer a quorum. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss thanked the Commission for the good news about the Director of Operations. She complemented Rose Marie Dennis who is example of what the Department employees should be.
Sally Stevens, Chair of SF Dog spoke about the Dog Advisory Committee and the time used of parks.
Bill Carlin discussed the dog leash law and the need for more dog leash areas. He stated that RPD needed to create more play areas. He stated that the DAC should be working to alleviate what is seen as a problem.
Emeric Kalman spoke on the Marina district, Moscone Park and the Capital improvements. He asked how long the park will be closed. He also stated that in the report RPD applied for FEMA funds and he asked what the status was.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Murray spoke about a young theater's group that has invited Commissioners to an event.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

June 16, 2005

Commission **President Gloria Bonilla** called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 2:03 p.m.

President Bonilla announced that item 8 was moved to calendar. Item numbers 9 and 10 would be heard following the consent calendar.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Gordon Chin
Tom Harrison
John Murray

Absent
Jim Lazarus
Meagan Levitan

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

QUADRANT I
Gloria Koch-Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent

Section 1—Planted 530 flats in Conservatory Valley. Edging and weed management continuing in all beats. Challenges: mentally ill vagrant continues to break branches and trees, seldom with witnesses. He is awaiting trial for attacking a Recreation Director. Gardener who was hit by car is still off work but recuperating.

Section 2—Park entrance renovations begun, assisted by several large-scale volunteer groups and crew projects. Annuals planted at Shakespeare Garden. Construction coordination is ongoing. Challenges: One Gardener out for the month on a WC case.

Section 4—Rose Garden put on abundant display despite late rain. Gardener is removing graffiti from the Chinese pavilion as soon as it appears. Weed management continuing and completed around Stow Lake benches. Perennial beds around the Log Cabin refreshed. Routine maintenance at Mallard Lake picnic ground has it looking good. Challenges: 2 Gardeners out on extended Maternity Leave and one Gardener worked at Mather for two weeks.

Section 5—Annuals planted at Anglers' Lodge, JFK at 30th and Senior Center. Chips spread at Rhododendron Island and Anglers' Lodge. Perennials planted on JFK near 30th. Worn areas around Spreckels Lake hydroseeded. (approx. 4,000 sq. ft.) Challenges: Two Gardeners have retired in April/May.

Section 6—Annuals planted in the Tulip Garden. Weed management ongoing, also cleanup of downed limbs. Routine gardening and maintenance. Challenges: One Gardener out on WC, one out on FMLA, and one out to Camp Mather for two weeks.

General: All Sections coped with Bay to Breakers cleanup and minor damage. All Sections worked productively with volunteer groups. There is a perceived influx of illegal campers.

Horticultural Goals for the next six months are to redefine the simple and elegant sweep of landscape, especially where meadows transition to edges and groves, concentrating on some of the entrances and highly visible areas near the Music Concourse. Summer maintenance focuses on irrigation.

QUADRANT CHALLENGES:
Staffing levels continue to be a challenge especially in the Christopher and Mission Complexes. Delays in equipment repairs continue to be a challenge.

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QUADRANT 2
Linda Woo, Assistant Superintendent

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Senior activities continue to flourish.
The toddler percussion class continue to be well-attended, even during the Memorial Holiday weekend.

Boeddeker Park
Computer Lab Program continuing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with youth, young adults and adults writing papers, resumes in their job seeking ventures.

Boeddeker Park was well-represented at the SFRPD Annual Youth Track and Field Meet at Kezar Stadium on Friday, May 13th. The children from Boeddeker Park performed very well in their respective events.

Tenderloin Children's Center
Sunday, May 1st: Members of the Girl's Club created and delivered a "Happy Mother's Day" poster to the residents of the Madonna House. "Mother" was written in 25 different languages so that all the residents would feel special on Mother's Day.

Thursday, May 5th: Approximately 150 children and families enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo event that was celebrated with food, Aztec dancers, traditional folk and contemporary dances by the children, presentations in honor of Latino/Latina heroes and heroines that have made valuable contributions to the state of California. There were also raffle prizes for the participants.

Fridays, May 6th, 13th and 20th: House Basketball League Playoffs continued. 6 teams are competing in the 6th to 8th Grade League. A record number of 18 girls are participating this year.

Friday, May 27th: Holiday Basketball Shooting Skills Contest. The children competed in free throws and 3-point shots. 15 members of the Girl's Club visited the "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" museum in Fisherman's Wharf.

Chinese Recreation Center
Tuesday, May 17th: The Senior Citizens Club celebrated their 53rd anniversary with a luncheon, hosted and conducted by the staff at the Center. 39 ladies were treated to lunch and each received a surprise package to commemorate this festive and memorable occasion.

Saturday, May 21st: Staff and teens cooperated again to assist in the grand opening event of the North Beach Pool and Clubhouse and Joe DiMaggio Playground. Recreation staff was reassigned and teens volunteered their help with the arts and crafts activities and games. They were an integral part of a successful event.

Registration for the Center's 53rd year of Summer Playschool for youngsters 6 to 14 years of age, are underway. Activities will include arts and crafts, low-organized games, sports, cooking, music outings, video movie day, etc.

Portsmouth Square
Thursday, May 5th: A Mother's luncheon was held for over 80 seniors who attended. A menu of roast pig, chow mein, salad, jello and beverages were served. There was Karaoke for entertainment, games, raffles, door prizes, singing and flower leis for everyone.

Wednesday, May 11th: The Department of Transportation held a meeting regarding service adjustments for MUNI. There was a slide show to explain budget expenses and MUNI changes. There was also a question and answer period. 40 people attended.

Saturday, May 21st: The Chinatown Legal Fair was held. Various legal and law enforcement agencies handed out information and brochures. There was also the opportunity for the residents of Chinatown to voice their concerns and ask questions.

Community Workshops conducted this month were:
Tuesday, May 3rd: "Medicare 2005 – Drug Discount Program", conducted by the Chinatown Community Development Center Tenant Services. Dora Ho, from the CCHP, was the guest speaker. The presentation included clarifications on the new rules regarding: 1) 2005 Drug Discount Program, 2) Chinese Community Health Plan Senior Program 2005 member benefits and 3) Medicare beneficiaries. 62 people attended.

Tuesday, May 10th: "Organ Failure Prevention Workshop", with guest speaker, Toby Cheung, Outreach Coordinator, California Transplant Donor Network. Mr. Cheung discussed the major illnesses that lead to organ transplants among the Asian groups and what one can do to lessen the chance of organ failure. He also gave information regarding organ donation and transplants and how these options help patients to get a second chance at life. 55 people attended.

Tuesday, May 17th: "Eye Care". Anita Chik, from On Lok Senior Services spoke about Glaucoma, how to prevent eye diseases and the best ways to take care of your eyes. 80 people attended.

Tuesday, May 24th: "Family Dynamics and Intergenerational Relationships". Carol Mo, from the Richmond Area Multi Services discussed how to recognize Intergenerational, Cultural and value differences in Chinese-American Immigrant families and possible ways to resolve differences within a family. 50 seniors attended.

Tuesday, May 31st: "Preventing Elder Financial Abuse". Francis Lau, from the First Bank spoke about how to recognize financial exploitation of elders and how elders can avoid fraud, scams and undue influence by others.

Woh Hei Yuen
May 11th, 16th and 18th: End of the semester parties were held for the KinderGym classes. The KinderGym exercise classes consist of pre-school participants learning basic motor skills in hand, eye and foot coordination. Over 80 youngsters have been participating.

North Beach/Joe Dimaggio Playground
Saturday, April 30th: Volunteer Day with 68 children and 10 adults cleaning up the playground and planting Lavender in the future Bocce Ball Courts. John Miller, gardener supervised the event. A passer-by donated $300 towards pizza for the kids.

Saturday, May 21st: Grand opening celebration of the North Beach Pool and Clubhouse and Joe DiMaggio Playground. There were the usual speeches, entertainment, live music, lion dance, celebrity swim competition, free swim, table tennis, basketball, arts and crafts, games for all ages. Over 500 people attended the event.

Allyne Park - Perennial beds have been installed.

Huntington Park
Wednesday, May 11th: Volunteer Day led by Sandra Choate, Park Section Supervisor. 12 people from Salesforce helped grub out ivy and blackberries from the hedges.

Friday, May 13th: Volunteer Day led by John Miller, Gardener. 20 people from Williams-Sonoma helped grub out ivy and blackberries from the hedges.

The lawn is recovering from the rain and dogs.

Coit Tower - Crew work on weedy pathways, Marconi hedges. Shrubs trimmed on Greenwich steps.

Ferry Park
Sunday, May 8th: Volunteer Workday led by John Miller, Gardener. Chipped rhododendrons and azapanthus along Davis Street.

Tuesday, May 17th: Poplar tree fell early A.M. and landed on the Vaillancourt Fountain.

Ina Coolbrith
Tuesday, May 17th: Volunteer Workday, led by John Miller, Gardener. Volunteer group from Salesforce worked on a weeding project.

Michelangelo Park
Ryan Contractor have moved fence on adjacent property to conform with property lines. The planting of azaleas can now be completed.

Lafayette Square
Planting in flowerbeds, weeding, filling in holes in the dog run area.
6 flowerbeds have been replenished.
The trunk of a eucalyptus tree has been removed from the slope between the meadows.
Sunday, May 8th: Approximately 15 members of the Friends of Lafayette Park, led by Nick Soumie, Gardener, planted 12 Azara shrubs and removed ivy from the east entrance.

Moscone Recreation Center
The park maintenance staff will be trying a new treatment process for the putting greens. Conrad Kulik, Biotechnologist, spoke to staff about treating the putting greens with microbes and minerals.

Marina Green
Repaving of the pathway around the "Green" was started the week of May 13th.

Palace of Fine Arts
Tree toppers removed 2 large cypress trees on the peninsula.
Plans for the renovation project is underway. Bidding on the project has started.
Week of May 2nd: 7 cygnets have hatched to 2 swans.
Week of May 9th: 3 baby swans (cygnets) have disappeared.
Week of May 23rd: Swans got into a male dominance fight and 3 were removed from the pond and sent to Pt. Reyes breeder.

Alta Plaza
Wednesday, May 4th: Crew project. Clay Street flowerbeds weeded, path on Jackson St./Pierce St. edged.
Stumps and ivy removed from behind the tennis backboard.
Graffiti continues to be a problem on the tennis windscreens.
Weeding and planting of annuals at Jackson and Steiner Streets.

Broadway West Mini Park
Week of May 2nd: Irrigation clocks installed.

QUADRANT 3
Lorraine Banford, Assistant Superintendent

Nothing to report.

QUADRANT 4
James Threat, Assistant Superintendent

Tiny Tot Graduations & Special Events
More than 50 tots graduated from Tiny Tot classes conducted at Herz, Excelsior, Sunnyside Palega and Crocker Amazon. The graduation programs consisted of passing out of diplomas, pot luck refreshments, reciting some of the things they had learned and singing.

Several Tiny Tot classes had end of the year special events and outings – there was a picnic by the Excelsior group and outings to the San Francisco Zoo by Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, Herz, Palega and Sunnyside.

The Louis Sutter Senior Walking Club held their weekly walk at Candlestick Point Recreation Area.

Late Nite Basketball and Basketball Tournament
The spring Late Nite basketball program kicked off at Joseph Lee Gym with over sixty participants. The league had a presentation from Swinerton Construction regarding job opportunities. A Basketball team from the Bayview/Hunters Point traveled to Boston to compete in a tournament where they won the championship. The players had an opportunity to visit Fenway Park.

Volleyball
The girl's volleyball team from Visitacion Valley completed their season with a heartbreaking loss. The young ladies maintained their good spirit had a great season.

Community Meetings
The following groups conducted community meetings Cayuga Community Group and The Junipero Serra Homeowners Association.

Maintenance and Clean-up
Communities volunteer clean-up days at Dolores Park, Merced Heights, Crocker Amazon, Buchanan Mall and Little Hollywood.

Quadrant 4 staff assisted in the cleaning up Civic Center for World Environment Day and for the opening of North Beach Pool and Recreation Center

San Francisco Park Trust and volunteers and staffed painted, planted and clean-up at Silver Terrace as part of the Recreation Program

Citywide Programs
Paula Hamilton

Athletics
- **Adult Softball:** 293 teams are playing Spring Softball. Approximately 150 games have been lost due to rainy weather, necessitating rescheduling that will go into July. (The season is usually over in June.)
- **Tennis:** Conducted 3 tournaments; youth and adult drop in classes were well attended despite much rain.
- **Kezar Stadium:** 50 dates were held, including soccer, football, track and field, lacrosse and "field days".
- **Kezar Pavilion:** 54 dates were held, including basketball, volleyball, fencing, boxing and karate.

- **Boxer Stadium:** 44 dates were held, including rugby, soccer, lacrosse, and Gaelic football.
- **Youth Athletics:** The San Francisco Youth Baseball League is in full swing with 3,044 participants playing for 168 teams in 22 divisions and 11 leagues.
- **Women's Athletics:** The Basketball League concluded with 27 teams participating. The Volleyball League has 25 teams, 3 divisions and 300 participants. Director Joyce Dowling designs the sweatshirts for the winning teams.

Randall Museum

- 4 performances of "Mrs. Carroll's Alice" attracted 300 spectators.
- The Cine Club screened 2 movies for their teen audience of 150. Discussion lead by a KALW media critic follows each movie.
- Family Arts in Action held 3 performances attracting 600 spectators.
- The Starlab Planetarium hosted 8 shows with 340 visitors.
- Bug Day was a huge hit with 1,107 visitors.

Special Services

- **Workreation:** 645 teens applied to work in our program (620 were interviewed), but funding allocations only allowed for the hiring of 144. Those lucky kids will begin their summer work as early as June 13th.
- **Senior Programs:** New Archery program begins. The holiday luncheons were all sold out. Hikes in Marin and San Mateo Counties were very popular. 155 seniors attended Senior Week at Camp Mather.
- **Day Camps:** April registration went very well with 500+ families attending and most getting their first choices. Some camps still have available slots. Pacific Art Camp will have a new manager (Margaret Whitten) and a new location (Lawton School). Camp Gourmet will also be in a new spot at Monster Park.
- **Assisted Recreation and Project Insight:** School-year end celebrations were held by both groups. P.I. will head into a busy and exciting summer.
- **Child Development:** Staff conducted an In Service for field staff on April 22nd which included programming ideas, crafts and motor-skill activities.
- **Teens:** In March, the younger teens (11-14) had a class in skin care and the older teens (14-17) had a ski trip, a dance and, participated in a coed basketball league. May brought a Mother's Day dinner and a picnic.

Assignment Desk

- 100 applicants applied for 35 summer jobs as 3280 Assistant Recreation Directors.
- An In Service for all 15-passenger van drivers was presented on May 13th.
- Applications were sent out to 40 non-profit agencies for our summer bus grant program, which allows each group an allocation of one bus worth up to $450.
- New employee training was conducted on May 26th.

Turf Management

- **Monster Park:** Renovated entire playing field. New sod was installed in March. Easter Egg Hunt was held on the field on March 26th.
- **Polo Field:** Hosted Footstock (Bay to Breakers) on May 15th. Hosted the SF Cup Soccer Tournament May 28-30.
- **Mobile Turf Crew:** In March the crew repaired damage to Miraloma Playground caused by malicious vandals driving on the field. In April, the crew re-graded and installed 16,000 sq. ft. of new sod to Merced Heights. (This had been in Kron Watch.) In June the crew installed 5500 sq. ft. of sod to complete the renovation of Buchanan Mall. The crew hosted ball-diamond workshops at six ball diamonds.
- **Mowing Crew:** The crew is suffering because of on-going staff shortages. The crew has been off its schedule because of these shortages as well as because of the inordinate amount of rain this year.

- **Kezar Stadium:** The annual month-long April field renovation included aerating, over-seeding, top-dressing and re-sodding worn areas.

Aquatics

- Swim meets were held at King Pool and Balboa Pool with over 80 participants.
- 6 staff attended the NRPA National Aquatics conference in April.
- Hosted the swim trials for this summer's International Youth Games that will be held in England.
- 40 people were interviewed for 21 permanent positions as 3210 Swimming Instructor/Pool Lifeguard.

Permits and Reservations

- Dolphin American Friend's Boots Exhibition attracted over 5,000 people at the Civic Center Plaza March 27th & 28th.
- Film shoot of "Mistress of Spices" took place at the Tea Garden March 23rd.
- Film shoot "The Evidence" took place at Huntington Park March 23rd.
- The Giants held their kick-off rally at Union Square March 23rd.
- ANSWER Anti-war rally took place at Civic Center Plaza and Mission Dolores March 29th with an attendance of 5,000.
- A mini-concert was held at McLaren Park March 23rd.
- A community Easter Egg hunt was held at Ferry Park Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza March 27th.
- Macy's Flower Show was held at Union Square April 2nd
- Film shoot of "Myth Busters" was held at Coffman Pool April 5th.
- Volleyball Tourney begins April 26th at Little Marina at Marina Green.
- Week of the Young Child festival was held at Civic Center April 12th.
- Film shoot "Rent" was held at South Park April 22nd.
- Opening night of outdoor movies at Dolores Park April 14th.
- 5K Pets Unlimited Benefit at Sharon Meadow April 17th.
- Cherry Blossom Festival and Parade at Japan Town Peace Plaza.
- International Fly Casting Day at Angler's Lodge and pool April 22nd.
- Young Peoples' Information Fair at Justin Herman Plaza April 24th.
- Cannabis Freedom Day Music Festival and Rally at Civic Center Plaza May 7th.
- "Buzz the Cops" fund raiser at Justin Herman Plaza May 13th.
- Youth Festival at Civic Center May 7th.
- Movie Day at Mission Dolores May 14th.
- Bay to Breakers run through Golden Gate Park hosted 31,000 registered runners and additional thousands of party goers followed by Footstock at the Polo Field.
- Waldorf High School held a Walk-a-thon at Speedway Meadows.
- NAMI walk and rally was held at Speedway Meadows May 21st.
- Sicily Cultural Day at Union Square May 24th.
- BV Winery Grape Stomp at Justin Herman Plaza May 27th.
- "Soldier of Equality" graduation at McLaren Park May 20th
- Taiwan Cultural Day at Union Square May 21st.
- Neighborhood dog birthday party at Mission Dolores May 21st.

Monster Park

- Monster Cable tours have begun.
- General Motors "Auto in Motion" event was held in the parking lot from March 14-21 with over 10,000 people attending.
- Mercedes held a car show April 19-25 and the BMW3 car show was held May 21-27.
- Bids were received and work will begin this month on the waterproofing project on the upper concourse.
- New air conditioner was installed in the Jumbotron.

Golf

- **Harding Park**: New practice area was constructed which included new irrigation, new drainage, 2 new bunkers, 2 new greens and entire area grassed. The course was aerated with greens harvested, seeded and top-dressed. Constructed Pro Practice Tees on Fleming #7 and #9.
- **Lincoln Park**: Even with a severe labor shortage, all greens were aerated, top-dressed, over-seeded and fed. On-going application of compost tea to all greens continues.
- **Golden Gate**: The clubhouse is undergoing a major renovation with a new roof and expanded food and beverage operation. All greens were aerified, harvested top-dressed and over-seeded.
- **Sharp Park**: All greens were aerified, over-seeded and top-dressed. Monthly meetings continue with the Green Committee. The Men's Club volunteers completed their 1st project on May 31st by cleaning the tee surrounds on #6.

Marina/Yacht Harbor

- The Harbormaster continues to make many trips to Sacramento to secure funding for the Yacht Harbor renovation.
- The Sand Mining project continues despite some initial difficulty getting our permit extended. The accumulation of sand is troublesome in certain areas of the harbor.
- The Harbormaster and the Carpenters continue to have difficulties with regard to specific work. More meetings are scheduled and hopefully some agreements will smooth out the working relationships.
- The Harbormaster is working closely with the Mayors Budget Analyst's office to draft a report on the proposed fee increase and the feasibility of the project.
- Maintenance issues include: East Harbor emergency repairs, and a boating accident that left a West Harbor dock totally unsafe and 5 others without water or power.
- The Marina Green running track has been re-surfaced.
- "Escape From Alcatraz" triathlon event is June 12.
- Planning for Fleet Week 2005 has begun.

Midnight Music and Special Projects

- "Tinkture", a rock group, performed at the Union Square Park Concert series.
- On May 6th, offered an Arts and Crafts In Service to 70 Recreation Directors.
- The Young Teen Musical Theatre Company performed "Ragtime, The Musical" to a sold out audience at the Randall Museum from May 13-22. This event was covered by KQED Channel 9.
- "Elevator Love Letters", a band, and "Omulu Capoeira" performed at the Glen Park Family Fest on May 14th.
- On May 20th, offered a Sports & Games in Service to 50 Recreation Directors.
- Manuel Fernandez, Recreation Director, was invited to be a judge for KQED's Reading Rainbow awards ceremony.

Patrick Hannan, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee stated that the committee unanimously approve the following motion: The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee hereby commends the initial budget and supports the goals in the additional allocation of funds for structural maintenance and capital projects on the Recreation and Park Department property and open space. He also gave an update on the waterfront open space, stated the Committee was continuing to work with the Department in developing an acquisitions policy and that the committee would be taking an annual recess in July.

Mary King-Gorwky gave the Financial Report and Dan Mauer gave the Capital Report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the April and May 2005 meetings.

RES. NO. 0506-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept and expend a gift up to $16,000,000 from the Maybeck Foundation for the Capital Improvements to the Palace of Fine Arts.

RES. NO. 0506-002

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

Loveparade is a celebration of electronic music and culture that began in Berlin in 1989 and continues in other cities worldwide. San Francisco had the first Loveparade in 2004, with 25,000 people attending the parade from downtown along the Embarcadero to a music and dance festival at China Basin.

The format of Loveparade is one in which celebrants march along with their chosen float/sound truck, which then become stages at the festival site. The for this year's Loveparade is to have a staging area on Second Street between Market and Howard Streets, with the parade traveling down Market Street to Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza, where approximately 20 floats will become sound stages. The Piazza will be used for vending, concessions, portable toilets and relaxation. Large tents will be set up with protective floor covering the main lawn of the piazza. The tent would have tables and chairs and act as a place out of the wind for celebrants to relax and eat or drink. Concession booths would line the sidewalk on the outer side of the trees surrounding the main lawn.

Commissioner Murray requested that in the future all event requests have a summary sheet attached with at a minimum the list of the fees, how each was calculated, how the fees will be paid and when the payment is due. Staff explained how the fees were determined.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Loveparade San Francisco's request to use Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza on Saturday, August 9, 2005 as part of the Love Parade Festival and request to sell beer and wine contingent upon the amendment that the payment is due 30 days prior to the event.

LA RAZA PARK

The event will be an amplified sound music event. NextArts will be arriving by 8:00 a.m. on August 20, 2005 to set up for this event. Breakdown will be completed by midnight on August 20, 2005. The maximum number of attendees will be restricted to 300 people. Possible food sales include hot dogs, cotton candy. The show will be headlined by the local arts with artists speaking and presenting. Although this is a first time event, Anthony Imperial and Casey Moreno, have done several successful events over the years including International Women's Day and Rock the Vote.

Commissioner Murray requested staff explain how the fees were determined. He also stated that in the permit, staff lists that a modified amplified sound permit is required and that it was a non-commercial fee. He asked the Deputy City Attorney how staff determined "non-commercial". She stated that these fees currently are in the Police Code and the Police Code makes a distinction between commercial and non-commercial loudspeaker permits however there is legislation pending to remove that distinction so that there is only one change.

Anthony Imperial stated his concerns with regard to the original discussions with staff and the fee discussed at that time. **Commissioner Bonilla** commented on his expectation that the fee was going to be $35. She stated that that $35 fee would have to be approved by Yomi Agunbiade. He did not approve that fee and in her discussion with the Mr. Agunbiade he stated it would be $500. She also reminded Mr. Imperial of their previous conversation in which she had explained to him that it would be $500 based on her conversation with Mr. Agunbiade. She stated that the sign-off on fees must be signed-off by Mr. Agunbiade and that the Department must use the established rates. At **Commissioner Bonilla's** request, Virginia dario Elizondo, the Deputy City Attorney explained that the fees are in the Park Code and the Department must use those established fees. She also explained that there is a provision for a fee waiver or discount that goes to the General Manager and if denied an appeal goes to the Commission.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: 1) a request by NextArts for an event on Saturday, August 20, 2005, 2) a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. and 3) a request to sell wine contingent upon the amendment that the payment is due 30 days prior to the event.

GRANT APPLICATIONS STATE OF CALIFORNIA, 2005 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program, administered nationally by the National Park service, provides funds for federal agencies, the 50 states and six territories. The money allocated to the state may be used for statewide planning, acquiring, and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The LWCF is a reimbursable grant program requiring projects to be fully funded in order to be eligible for grant funding.

In February 2005, the Department evaluated potential projects that would best meet the eligibility requirements and competitive criteria of the 2005 program. The Department selected the GGP Bison Paddock Renovation and the San Francisco Zoo Bear Grotto Project because these two projects were determined to meet most of the project criteria and are considered to be competitive.

The existing Bison Paddock covers eight acres in GGP. Department staff maintains the facility. The zoo staff provides animal care for the bison herd. The paddock is under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture, which has cited the facility as being non-compliant with federal standards due to several violations including rusted fences and a failing barn structure.

Some of the proposed renovation improvements will include replacing perimeter and interior fence and installing a new roadway, new electrical and potable water services, and a new 30' by 60' open barn facility with new feeding stations, storage facility, and a chute corridor system when the animals need veterinarian care. During the Bison Paddock renovation project, the herd will need to be relocated to a temporary holding area. Currently, that location has no irrigation, which will be addressed during the renovation. The proposed upgrade will also install an irrigation system to approximately three acres of Bison Paddock are water stations in each pasture to the north and west, at the barn and the main paddock.

This renovation will comply with USDA and ADA requirements, which will include renovation of the bus zone and installation of curb ramps on JKF Drive.

The proposed Grizzly Bear Habitat will be a 15,000 square foot exhibit that will fully remodel and expand the existing grotto, and feature a pair of grizzly bears acquired by the Zoo in 2004. Visitors will view that bears in a naturalistic environment, with colorful graphics and live programming by Zoo staff and volunteers. Planned site improvements include visitor pathways, integrated with close animal-viewing areas, interpretive graphics and extensive landscaping, and behavioral enrichment structures to stimulate foraging, digging and other natural bear behaviors.

The Department is applying for $200,000 for each of these projects.

Johnny Wang with the Neighborhoods Park Council asked what kind of public process is used for application of grants. He asked that the Commission make it a policy that there be a public process for funding. **Commissioner Murray** stated that the Commission meetings are public process.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to submit two grant applications to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund

Program in order to fund capital improvements to the Golden Gate Park Bison Paddock and the San Francisco Zoo Bear Grotto.

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN CONCESSIONS
Department staff recommends issuing a Request for Proposals for a new tenant for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend. The evaluation process will include considering both the cultural relevance of programming and merchandise proposed and the economic terms of the lease. A short-term lease is recommended as not capital improvements are required of the tenant. The RFP invite culturally appropriate activities to enhance the Garden experience. Staff listed the criteria, key terms and schedule for the recommended RFP.

Commissioner Murray requested that a cancellation be included in regard to the parking lot and let the garage take it over. He also requested that all sales receipt be given to the customer. Ellen Leiber representing the Access Advisors of the Fine Arts Museums, stated that they discussing to no avail with the Concourse Authority some disabled parking spaces somewhere behind the band shell as there are not enough in the garage. There was detailed discussion with the Commission in regard to her concerns.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the operation of the Tea House, the Gift Shop, and related concessions in the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

MCLAREN PARK – RENTAL FEE FOR CARETAKER COTTAGE
After the staff presentation, the Commission requested additional public outreach and tabled this item to a date uncertain.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT – AS-NEEDED ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT
The As-Needed Architectural Services Agreement currently managed by DPW for the Department expires on September 15, 2005. There are three firms that are contracted with the Department under this agreement to provide A/E service for four significant projects in various phases of design. Those projects are: Sava Pool, Harvey Milk Recreational Art Center, South Windmill Restoration and GGP Equestrian Center. In all cases, the design teams have worked with interested community groups and city leaders since the inception on the projects. Terminating the contracts in September will break the bonds in the public trust that took time to develop, and will require a rebuilding effort. There are also major fundraising efforts underway and any transition in the design teams will not reflect well on these efforts. Contracting with new consultants for the specialized work will add months of delay to the projects and consequently increase project costs due to escalation and a new learning curve. The project funding for these projects is so tight that there is absolutely no room for cost creep. There is also a time constraint that requires bond funds to be spent within a certain time period.

On motion by **Commissioner Harrison** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the modification of three Recreation and Park contracts for as-needed consultant services by 1) extension of those contracts by 24 months to not exceed five years and 2) increase to the maximum contract amount as follows: Mark Cavagnero Associates & Paula Taggart Architects from $800,000 to $1,200,000; Lemnaski Rockwell Architects from $851,835 to $900,000 and Carey and Co., Inc. a time extension only, no change in contract amount.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS - MOU
On February 12, 2003 an Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco acting by and through the Recreation and Park Commission and the Maybeck Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefits corporation corresponding to the Design and Restoration of the Palace of Fine Arts, a San Francisco

Landmark was approved. Staff briefly explained the amendment and recommended approval by the Commission. The Commission asked detailed questions of staff. A member of the Maybeck Foundation gave the Commission and update on their fundraising efforts.

On motion by **Commissioner Chin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission and the Maybeck Foundation for the Palace of Fine Arts .

PALACE OF FINE ARTS – AWARD OF CONTRACT

With the assistance of DPW, the Department solicited construction bids for the Palace of Fine Arts Phase IIA Lagoon and Park Restoration. Of the four bids received on May 18, 2005, Aquatic Environments, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder submitting a construction base bid of $2,281,206.10, an alternate A1 bide of $56,500.00 and an alternate A2 bid of $124,300.00. This cumulative total of $2,462,006.10 is below the project's construction budget of $13,000,000.00. Upon the Commission's approval staff will proceed with the award of contract.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 0506-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Aquatic Environments , Inc. in the amount of $2,462,006.10 for the base bid plus Alternates A1 and A2 for the Palace of Fine Arts Phase IIA Lagoon and Park Restoration.

APPROVAL OF SURFACE VEHICULAR ACCESS AND CIRCULATION PLAN FOR THE MUSIC CONCOURSE AREA OF GOLDEN GATE PARK

The design of the Surface Improvements Project for the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park provides a narrowed, one-way roadway with dedicated bicycle lane as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects and as is consistent with the Golden Gate Master Plan. The basic roadway design can accommodate different vehicular circulation patterns, of which one, Option 2A, was selected and approved by the Concourse Authority at their meeting on June 14th, 2005.

Recreation and Park Department staff concurs with the Concourse Authority that Option 2A "does the best job of providing safe, reliable and convenient visitor access to the Concourse, while discouraging through traffic." Should the Recreation and Park Commission approve Option 2A, it will be presented for review and possible action to the Board of Supervisors.

Beginning in 2003, the concourse Authority assembled a community-based working group and through a series of meetings and workshops, this group developed ten vehicular circulation alternates for further study. Four of these were recommended to the Concourse Authority for their consideration on July 14th, 2004. At that meeting, the Concourse Authority selected two alternates for further study, Option 1 and Option 2.

Option 1: Through traffic in the Music Concourse

Option 1 would allow through circulation on Concourse roadways for all traffic, including private vehicles, MUNI buses, the Golden Gate Park Shuttle, tour buses, and emergency vehicles. This option was part of the proposed GGPCA projects analyzed in the FEIR. As described in the FEIR, the Concourse roadways would be narrowed to one-lane, and there would be dedicated bicycle lanes, and enhanced pedestrian walkways, crosswalks and landscaping. All vehicles could enter the Concourse from the south from MLK Drive to Academy Drive and continue to JFK Drive, and, vice versa, from the north [from JFK Drive] to Tea Garden Drive and MLK Drive."

Option 2: No through traffic in the Music Concourse; visitor drop-off from MLK Drive only
Option 2 would eliminate through access between JFK Drive and the Music Concourse, with the exception of access for MUNI, the Golden Gate Park Shuttle and emergency vehicles. Vehicular access to the Music Concourse roadways for pick-up and drop-off at the deYoung Museum or the California Academy of Science, other buses, and taxis would be restricted to a one-way loops, with Academy Drive (northbound) the Tea Garden Drive (southbound) connecting to MLK Drive. This option was analyzed as part of Alternative C: Phase I with MUNI and Emergency Vehicle Access, FEIR pp 212-214. With that alternative, north-south through traffic in Golden Gate Park would use Middle Drive East between MLK Drive and JFK Drive."

Option 2A: control of through traffic in the Music Concourse; visitor drop-off from JFK and MLK Drives [as recommended to the Recreation and Park Commission]
Option 2A would permit visitors to the Music Concourse institutions to enter and exit the Music Concourse via MLK Drive and JFK Drive but would employ a variety of measures to allow for access, but eliminate cut-through traffic on the Music Concourse roadways (as follows):

1. In collaboration with San Francisco's DPT Traffic Engineering Section and the Concourse Authority, add three (3) or fewer additional stop signs to the Surface Improvement Plan design;
2. Narrow the concourse roadways and add dedicated bike lanes;
3. In collaboration with San Francisco's DPT Bicycle Program Management, the Concourse Authority and the bicycle advocacy community, explore the feasibility of narrowing the dedicated bike lanes in the Music concourse and proportionally widening textured paving;
4. Explore the feasibility of relocating the bike lanes to the inside of the Concourse roadway, nearest the bowl
5. Install signs which prohibit cut-through traffic in the Music Concourse
6. Install sections of textured paving on the immediate approach to seven crosswalks in the Music Concourse to calm and slow destination traffic and discourage cut-through traffic;
7. Install 17 pedestrian crosswalks in the Music Concourse and adjacent area, as provided in the Surface Improvement Plan;
8. In collaboration with DPT Traffic Engineering and Recreation and Park, assist the Concourse Authority in monitoring the operation of the approved circulation plan to assess its effectiveness and to determine what additional measure, if any, should be taken to realize the stated purposes of Circulation Option 2A.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
Golden Gate Park constitutes all of Block 1700, Lot 1 in San Francisco. The roadways in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park that are under consideration include Tea Garden Drive between JFK Drive and MLK Drive and Music Concourse Drive between JFK Drive and MLK Drive.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:
Upon approval of Option 2A by the Recreation and Park Commission, the Board of Supervisors will be urged to consider and approve Option 2A. Approval by the Board of Supervisors is required to provide final design direction for the Surface Improvements Project to undertake roadway elements in support of Option 2A. Board of Supervisor approval will also direct the Concourse Authority to secure additional funding, if necessary, and to be responsible for follow-up monitoring requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:
The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects found the work included in the Surface improvements Project to be in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); the State CEQA Guidelines; and Chapter 21 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

FUNDING SOURCE:
The Concourse Authority will be responsible for securing funds for costs to undertake design or construction work needed for Option 2A which are not already part of the current Surface Improvements

Project or which will result in changes that exceed the allowances that are part of the Surface Improvements Project. The Concourse authority will also be responsible for monitoring operation of the approved circulation plan. Costs to maintain the roadways, traffic striping and signs and associated improvements to support Option 2A will be the responsibility of the Recreation and Park Department.

OPPOSITION:
The following organizations were represented at the Concourse Authority meeting on June 14, 2005 and opposed Option 2A: San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, A4GGP, Inner Sunset Merchants Association, SF Green Party and Walk SF.

SUPPORT:
With all board members present, the Concourse Authority voted unanimously in support of Option 2A. The following organizations were represented at the Concourse Authority meeting on June 14, 2005 and supported Option 2A: Planning Association of the Richmond, North Park Neighbors Association, California Academy of Science and the Fine Arts Museum (deYoung).

Rick Thall gave a brief update, then introduced Mike Ellzey who went through each Option in detail. The Commission had detailed discussion on this item. Ron Miguel, President of the Planning Association of the Richmond and member of the GGP Concourse Authority, stated that both groups were in support of Option 2A and explained why. He also clarified the directional signage concerns of Commissioner Murray. Ellen Lieber spoke of her concerns for disabled parking available. She gave the example of Access Day that the Access Advisors hosts. She also discussed the need for smooth pavement for people with disabilities. Pat Kilduff, with the California Academy of Sciences spoke in support of the Option 2A and how important it is for visitors to be able to drive up to their front door and drop off. Deborah Friedan with the Fine Arts Museums reiterated the previous speakers comments. She thanked staff for all of their hard work. An unidentified member of the public then spoke on the Master Plan and the circulation plan and the use of carriage horses. He stated that they were not going to be a symbol of handicap rights and that people should not show up from around the world and have an eyesore of handicap parking spaces. Instead he recommended horse and carriages. **Commissioner Bonilla** stated that there were some disparaging remarks made regarding handicap and accommodating handicap and that is not part of the business of this project. On behalf of the Commission she stated that they respect disabled individuals and will continue to do so.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0506-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the recommendation of the concourse authority of Option 2A.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernestine Weiss complained about the volleyball players in Ferry Park. She stated that Ferry Park needed to be a passive park. She also spoke on the renovation of Ferry Park and her hope that it would not be held up. She discussed the criminal element in Block 203. Richard Fong gave the Commission an update on dog incidents and what had taken place at the ACW Commission. Fred Lou explained the procedure at the tea garden and the issuance of receipts. Emeric Kalman requested that the staff provide the accounting for the Marina. He stated that he requested information on the fee increases but did not receive information on the financials and why it was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

July 21, 2005

Commission **President Gloria Bonilla** called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
John Murray

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Absent
Larry Martin
David Lee
Meagan Levitan

President Bonilla announced that the Consent Calendar would be heard before the General Manager's Report.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Bonilla presented Retirement resolutions to the following people: **Lawrence Batiste, Ed Burns, Robert Hernandez, Jim Malazia, Fred Segura, Aubrey Tindell and Katherine Wong.**

CONSENT CALENDAR
On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the June 2005 meeting.
RES. NO. 0507-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed Third Street Project located at 3rd Street and Carroll Avenue will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Bayview Playground as required by Planning Code Section 295 (Sunlight Ordinance). **RES. NO. 0507-002**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a resolution to name the amphitheater in John McLaren Park "Jerry Garcia Amphitheater" located at John F. Shelley Drive and Cambridge Street.
RES. NO. 0507-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve temporary art pieces at KidPower Park.
RES. NO. 0507-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the existing MOU between the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Disc Golf Club to extend the time period through September 30, 2005. **RES. NO. 0507-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does extend the contract duration by 24 months for each As-Needed Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services Agreement with Tanaka Design Group and Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey. **RES. NO. 0507-006**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Dryco Construction, Inc. in the amount of $222,900.00 for the Parkside Square (J.B. Moffet) Tennis Courts Renovation Project. **RES. NO. 0507-007**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject Robert A. Bothman's bid of $547,935 and to negotiate with one or more qualified contractors to award a construction contract that does not exceed the engineer's estimate of $484,000 for the Esprit Park Drainage and Irrigation Renovation Project. **RES.NO. 0507-008**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0507-009**

DONATION FROM:

Jacksonville Zoological Society 370 Zoo Parkway Jacksonville, FL 33218 USDA- 85-C-0002	1.0 Diana Monkey Cercopithecus diana diana	NIL
Lori Keller 6392 Pinefield Dr. Hilliard, OH 43026 USDA – N/A	0.0.3 African hedgehog Atelerix albiventris	NIL
Marjorie A. Johnson 451 Anderson Street SF, CA 94110-6022 USDA – N/A	0.1 Chinchilla Chinchilla lanigera	NIL
Paul Haskins 2140 Valleywood Dr. San Bruno, CA 94066 USDA – N/A	0.0.1 Desert rosy boa Lichanura trivirgata gracia	NIL
Jim Coulter 3690 Washington St. SF, CA 94118 USDA – N/A	2.0 Chinchilla Chinchilla lanigera	NIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Fuchsia Garden is blooming, Gardeners' work is showing to fine effect here. Fuchsias look better and healthier than they have in years.
Big Rec looks great, best in years.
Conservatory Valley is in peak bloom.
Plan is in place for weekly pre-dawn stings on illegal camping by Police and Park Staff. Citations are being issued and parole violators are being picked up.
All Golden Gate Park Section Supervisors completed Quarterly Park Inspections on time.
Conservatory Valley weeded. Edging and weed management continuing in all beats. Floors waxed and polished in Tennis Clubhouse. Trees came down in the Camellia Garden and in the Panhandle and cleanup is ongoing. Challenges: illegal campers with fires. Alvord Lake still dry, awaiting gate valve repair. Sharon

Meadow still has sinkholes from poor contractor work and the issue is apparently in litigation. Gardener who was hit by car on Conservatory Drive is still off work but recuperating.
Rhododendron Dell improved with mowing program by Section staff and ongoing turf restorations. Construction coordination is ongoing and intensifying as projects get closer to the landscaping level. Concourse trees are looking good, staff removed suckers and the contractor is doing a good job keeping them watered. Challenges: Three more Gardeners retired in June. One Gardener still off on long term sick leave. Due to staff shortage, the annual pruning of dwarf conifers at the Japanese Tea Garden was missed this year, so they will be growing out of shape. Disciplinary process is ongoing for one staff member. Staff shortage necessitates halting manual irrigation in Sunbathers' Meadow, ahead of closure for construction. Staff shortage is a major concern for the Shakespeare Garden and the upcoming Concourse areas. Illegal campers making campfires in secluded areas are a concern.

Weed management continuing and completed around Stow Lake benches. Perennial beds near the Log Cabin refilled. Major Rainbow Falls renovation ongoing. Three people cited for camping in the Chinese Pagoda. Challenges: Water pressure problem has one Gardener watering new plantings with buckets. Gardeners concerned for personal safety when they work near traffic on Crossover Drive. 2 Gardeners out on extended Maternity Leave.

Crew pruned shrub edge at Casting Pools, Speedway Meadow bike path, Polo fields and South Training Quarters. Weeded at Senior Center and Rhododendron Island. Additional turf seeding at Spreckels Lake. Highwheel mowing along Fulton has improved appearances. Challenges: Two Gardeners have retired and crew has been short by an additional 2 for most of the month.

Extensive weed management work accomplished this month, with a variety of tools and practices. Tulip Garden very showy. Pruned behind Beach Chalet and along Great Highway. Job Training Program staff assisting with cleanup and pruning on Great Highway. Challenges: Frequent illegal dumping continues, often truckloads of construction debris. Illegal campers appear to be moving in as part of the summer influx. Neighbors near Great Highway are blaming the plants for the presence of the illegal campers and the people in RV's who continue using the shrubs as restrooms. Neighbors are going in and cutting trees and shrubs to the ground. There is only one Gardener for the two miles of Great Highway and staff tries to address the problem areas with pruning and cleaning. At this point, staff is not prepared to change that landscape design. One staff member under disciplinary review. One Gardener is out on WC, one out on FMLA.

Goals for the next month: Maintain plant health and cleanliness while adapting to very short-staffed conditions.

OUTING DAYS
All staffed recreation facilities in Quadrant 2 have scheduled outings for children, every Thursday this summer.

GENE FRIEND SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER
Friday, June 10th: A dance group from the Center won first place at the SFRPD Talent Show that was held at Glen Park Recreation Center.

Monday, June 20th: Summer lunch program begins. Forty lunches are served daily, Monday to Friday, to the children in the community.

Saturday, June 25th: Sixth Street Faire held on Minna Street. SOMA recreation staff manned three booths at the event.

BOEDDEKER PARK
Children from the park participated in two Track and Field Meets this month, the Tommie Smith Track Meet and the Ben Price Track Meet.

A group of children were treated to a special Salmon Fishing trip.

TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Wednesday, June 8th: Twenty students were treated to cheeseburgers, potato salad and ice cream to celebrate the "Jr. Achiever End of the Year Barbecue".

Friday, June 10th: Jr. Achiever's "Field Trip of the School Year" was to the AMC 1000 Theatre to "Lava Girl and Shark Boy".

Friday, June 10th: Graduation Party. A celebration was held to support all the participants who graduated this year. 75 children enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Friday, June 17th: The Tenderloin Children's Playground celebrated its 10th Anniversary, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. There were carnival games, a dunking machine, two jumpers, balloons, cotton candy, snow cones, family entertainment, a video prepared by staff and a "graduate" of the program, a photo display of the playground's historical events and a raffle. Donations to support this event were made by the Hilton Hotel, Cala Food Market, the Elks Club and various parents.

Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th: "The First Annual Dance Camp" was conducted with the collaboration of the San Francisco Ballet's Dance and Education fund. Sessions were held daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for ages 6 to 13. Participants were exposed to Salsa, Hip-Hop, Country and African Dance, African drumming, singing and Circus tricks. Breakfast and lunch were provided to all participants. Most participants were residents of the Tenderloin or were from low-income families, which qualified them for a full scholarship to attend this special dance camp.

Monday, June 20th: Two Ameri-Corps volunteers began six weeks of volunteering by assisting with reading, art, rugby, "The Girl's Club and volleyball.

Tuesday, June 21st to Thursday, June 23rd: Twelve children, ages 6 to 12, who were not participating in the Dance Camp, were escorted by staff to an outing to Baker's Beach, Golden Gate Park and the Exploratorium.

Friday, June 24th: For nearly two hours, the "Dance Camp" participants performed and displayed their newly acquired skills for the Tenderloin community. Close to 100 spectators enjoyed the show and free raffle. The San Francisco Ballet raffled off tee-shirts, key chains and tickets to the opening of the "Nutcracker".

Thursday, June 30th: A small group of nine children attended a live production of "Lost In New York City", performed by a local group at the Pomeroy Center, formerly known as the Recreation Center for the Handicapped.

CHINESE RECREATION CENTER

Over 70 youths, ages 6 to 14, are enrolled in the Summer Playschool Program, which includes activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, sports, board games, in-town field trips, visits to satellite units and out of town field trips. Lunch is provided by the City's Summer Lunch Program.

Weekly excursions to Joe DiMaggio/North Beach Pool and Playground are organized so that the youngsters can play more outdoor sports and be able to swim in the new pool. Over 60 youth participate in these trips on Friday afternoons.

The Workreation employees and teen volunteers are assisting staff with the weekly Tuesday Senior Citizens Club program during the summer. Activities include helping with Bingo and Birthday luncheons by setting up, conducting, serving and cleaning up after the program for over 35 seniors.

The in-house 18 & under Basketball League has begun with over 150 teens on 16 teams, representing various playgrounds and non-profit agencies, participating. There are at least 75 spectators at every game.

CHINESE PLAYGROUND
Saturday, June 4th: An annual volleyball tournament for adults was conducted. There were over 70 participants and over 150 spectators.

Saturday, June 25th: An annual adult table tennis tournament was held with trophies presented and refreshments served. 32 people competed in this event, with over 70 spectators.

HELEN WILLS PARK
Thursday, June 23rd: Initial session of a teen co-ed cooking class. They baked a rigatoni casserole, which was enjoyed by all. 12 teens participated.

Thursday, June 30th: Ten children painted a 3 feet by 6 feet "Fourth of July" mural as arts and crafts project, which was put on the wall for display in the building.

JOE DIMAGGIO/NORTH BEACH CLUBHOUSE
Tuesday, June 21st: A Ping Pong challenge was held between 2 parents and 14 youths/teens, playing to 7 points. The competitors tried very hard to defeat the parents in this first-time event, which most likely will not be the last. The mothers ended up winning all the games. It was a really fun event for the 16 participants and over 30 spectators.

PORTSMOUTH SQUARE
Thursday, June 9th: 45 seniors enjoyed a trip to Papini Farms, picking peaches and nectarines followed by a picnic lunch.
Community Workshops conducted this month were:
Tuesday, June 7th: "Blood Pressure Education", with guest speaker, Yvonne Liang from the Chinese Community Health Resource Center, who discussed what blood pressure is, what causes high blood pressure, why it is important to keep blood pressure controlled and ways to control blood pressure. 75 people attended.

Tuesday, June 14th: "Cancer Awareness", with guest speaker, Elizabeth Lam from the American Cancer Society, who spoke about the common types of cancer amongst Chinese Americans, how to reduce cancer risks and warning signs of cancer. 95 people attended.

Tuesday, June 21st: "Preventing Elder Financial Abuse", with guest speaker, Francis Lau from First Bank, who discussed how to recognize financial exploitation of elders and how to avoid fraud, scams and undue influence by others. Over 65 people attended.

Tuesday, June 28th: "Independence Day Party", organized, conducted and hosted by the youth/teens and staff of the Chinese Center Satellite. Carnival games, guessing games, drawing contest, quiz and raffle were some of the activities offered and a lunch consisting of fried chicken, hot dogs, salad, jello and beverage. Workreation youth assigned to the Satellite and teen volunteers assisted with the party and so did the youngsters from Woh Hei Yuen's "Summertime Fun" program. The youth all helped in setting up for the party, conducting the activities, serving food and cleaning up. It was really a fun and memorable experience for all. Over 170 seniors and 25 youth took part in this event.

WOH HEI YUEN
"Summertime Fun" program: The youngsters started on their own individual family albums and journals, to be on-going this summer and taken home on the last day of the program. 20 youth are participating in this program.

Wednesday, June 22nd: Over 15 youngsters went ice skating at the Yerba Buena Ice Rink. Many of these youngsters have never ice skated before and it was a great experience for them.

Some of the youth in the "Summertime Fun" program went to Portsmouth Square to assist in the Independence Day Program. It was a joy to watch the youngsters explain and show the Seniors how certain games were played. The children did a great job!
Wednesday, June 29th: 20 youngsters went on a field trip to the Yerba Buena Bowling Alley, which was the first time that most of the youth have ever been inside of a bowling alley.

PARK MAINTENANCE
Many permitted special events at Quadrant 2 parks and squares, including Marina Green, Joseph L. Alioto Piazza, Washington Square, Portsmouth Square, Coit Tower and Union Square.

On a sad note, Bobby, the swan patriarch at the Palace of Fine Arts, died on Friday, June 10th.

The Grand Opening, and first concert, for the Rhoda Goldman Memorial Concert Meadow were held in Stern Grove. There has been much positive feedback on the new design and constrruction.
Quadrant 3 had five retirements: 3422 Park Section Supervisor James Malizia, and 3417 Gardeners Fred Segura, Thomas Morey, Joseph Brunette, and Edward Naumann. Maintenance operations in the Quadrant have become even more difficult with the loss of these experienced and dedicated individuals.
The piles of sand, soil, and chips remaining from Harding Park construction at the parking lot at Lake Merced Blvd. and Brotherhood Way were finally graded out.

SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT
Milton Meyers Recreation Center held a barbecue to promote their summer programs. Hot Dogs, chips and beverages were served as volunteers went door to door handing out flyers.

Crocker Amazon – The latch key youth held a dance party as they dance to some of the oldies but goodies plus the latest songs. Ice Cream and cookies were served

Herz Playground – Community Day – More than 200 people assembled at the Park for a fun filled dsy that included a Job Fair, Art & Craft projects, games, entertainment and food.

Joseph Lee – Block Party for the community focusing on Keeping the Peace within the community, activities included barbecue chicken, ribs and hotdogs with all the sides. Local DJ provided some of the entertainment along with gospel choirs, and singers and dancers. A jumper was provided for the youth.

Visitacion Valley - Parent orientation dinner for the youth enrolled in the summer sports camp. Thirty-five parents attended

Athletics
The following sites provided over 40 participants that competed in the San Francisco Open Track Meet at Kezar Stadium J.P. Murphy, Miraloma, and Sunnyside. Many of the youth came home with medals around their neck.

Crocker Amazon started a Wood Bat Baseball League for individuals 15 and older. The league consist of 7 teams playing two nights per week. Each team has approximately 15 players.

Jackson Playground - The youth tennis team is participating in the youth league at Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts

Visitacion Valley – The Sports Camp programs began, this program was made possible with collaborative efforts of Team up For Youth, San Francisco Park Trust, Visitacion Valley Elementary School and Recreation & Park. The program has 50 participants.

Outings
Merced Heights – Ice Skating at Yerba Buena Center
Cayuga – Exploratorium
Junipero Serra – Recreation Center for the Handicap to see a theatre production for children.

Louis Sutter and Potrero Hill – Oakland A's Baseball game
Herz and Silver– Sea Camp – The youth from these two facilities spent a week learning about sea life. They spent a day at Farallones Island looking for seashells, a day canoeing in the bay, and a day at Point Reyes bird watching.

Maintenance
Gardening staff from Crocker/Balboa Complex and Hunters Point Complex had two work party days in McLaren Park where they cut and removed overgrown weeds and shrubs.

Gilman – The Recreation Program through SF. Park Trust and volunteers and staff painted, planted and gave the park a good clean up. Breakfast and lunch provided

Amber Evans gave an update on the Department's meetings with DCYF on recreational partnerships.

Lisa Wayne gave a detailed update on the Draft Natural Areas Program Management Plan. Franco Mancini said that he had reviewed the plan and stated that it partitioned parks between what a general perception of a park is and natural areas. His second concern is the cutting down of 806 trees with no mention of how many will be replaced. Susan Valente stated she had issues with the comment form and didn't feel like she could comment as she would like, which is why she was at the Commission meeting. She spoke of her concerns on the Sharp Park plan – toxic lead waste, erosion and the cutting of 15,000 trees.
Pat Langdell spoke of her concerns of destabilization at Grandview. Christine Rosenblatt with the SF SPCA stated concerns about the removal of feral cats, explained the measures the SPCA takes to control feral cat population and requested that the entire GR7 be removed from the proposed plan. Martha Hoffman also spoke on the effectiveness of the SPCA's measures to control feral cat population, her concerns of public comment. Colleen Flynn with NPC discussed the concern for public comment on the NAP Management plan, the financial implications to the Department and user impacts that will occur when the Plan is fully implemented. Sally Stephens with Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association and Friends of Golden Gate Heights Park spoke of her concerns of destabilization of the sand hills at Grandview, the Rock Outcrop and Golden Gate Heights and Hawk Hill. Karen Hu stated that NAP has made good efforts at outreach but that the next step is essential – public comment along with scientific recommendations must be incorporated. She also stated her concerns of the incorporation of public comments. Felicia Zeger questioned the NAP Management Plan for Pine Lake Park. Nancy Wuerfel, Member of PROSAC of District 4 stated that the NAP would become policy for the next 20 years. She stated that this is why so many members of the public are interested in contributing their comments and want to be heard, to be able to influence the plan before it is cast in stone. She requested that the Commission review the final plan and schedule a hearing in the Fall before an environment impact review is done. Bill Carlin explained his concerns of the NAP Management Plan and specifically his concerns in McLaren Park and need for public comment. Mary McAllister with OMI Neighbors in Action stated that the public comment form that was to be submitted on line does not work. She asked that the online form be scraped and replaced with a printable blank form accompanied by instructions to be mailed to RPD. Lindsay Kefauver stated that the plan proposes a massive reduction in the amount of parklands available to San Franciscans, it takes away 100 acres of dog play areas and has no identifiable budget. Rimma Kloss stated that she supported everything that Ms. Stephens had said and added that although she supports native plants she is very concerned about the erosion as she live in front of the hill. Lisa Vittori stated that in regard to the public comment period and public comment there was no public notification in the parks. She saw one notice at Bernal Heights about public comment. She also stated that the culture and climate at RPD dictates against any advocacy for dog people. L-Danyelle Yocobucci requested that GR7 be removed from the plan and listed the reasons. Nancy Stafford with the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association stated that the NAP Management Plan was unmanageable and listed the reasons. Carolyn Blair requested that the Commission not allow the Natural Areas Program to remove any trees until the Commission and the public are informed of the data of how many native plants have been planted in the last five to seven years, the number that have survived and the cost for the total activity.

The Commission had detailed discussion and numerous questions on this item. As Mr. Agunbiade had to excuse himself from the meeting, the Commission continued this item until he returned.

GENERAL CALENDAR

JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
The first annual Forty Niner Faithful Fan Rally will kick off the 2005 football season. 49ers players, coaches, 49er alumni, Gold Rush Cheerleaders and Sourdough Sam, team mascot, will be on hand during this event. The event will consist of 49er Gold Rush Cheerleaders' performances, live music, KNBR and 107.7, interactive games, expo area and beer garden and concession sale. The event will take place on Friday, September 9, 2005 form 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Justin Herman Plaza.

Ernestine Weiss spoke in support of this event.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve: 1) a request for "The Bone 107.7" to produce a 49ers Rally on September 9, 2005 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 p.m. at Justin Herman Plaza, 2) a request to modify the amplified sound policy and permit amplified sound between the hours of 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and 3) a request to sell beer for the event.

SHARON MEADOW
The Northern California Section of the United States Tennis Association, the Northern California Section of the Professional Golfer's Association, the City of San Francisco and the San Francisco Youth Sports Foundation will bring together San Francisco's after school youth sports providers and fitness agencies in one place for educational activities along with information for children and parents.

The San Francisco Family Sports and Fitness Festival will serve as a key source of information about youth sports providers and facilities and will link children to the existing after school sports and fitness programs in San Francisco.

This event will consist of activities and entertainment for the entire family. Participants will learn basic skills and fundamentals of 20 different sports in clinics with the area's leading instructors; play games or watch sports demonstrations, meet professional and college athletes and get autographs, health and fitness information zone, enjoy live music, goodie bags and festival t-shirts and food/beverages.

Proceeds from the event will benefits after school tennis and golf programs in San Francisco that are supported by USTA NorCal and NCPGA, including First Serve and First Tee and the San Francisco Youth Sports Foundation.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request by the San Francisco Sports Council to produce the Sports and Family Fitness Festival at Sharon Meadow and Mother's Meadow (Little Rec.) in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with amplified sound.

COIT TOWER
The San Francisco Parks Trust (the "Trust") will host a major fundraising event at Coit Tower on Thursday evening September 15, 2005. The Trust is hoping to raise $100,000, much of which will directly benefit City parks and programming. The event, estimated at 600 people, will be held between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the Tower rotunda, Pioneer Park and the parking lot. Due to the complexity of staging such an important event, staff is requesting that Coit Tower be closed the entire days of Wednesday, September 14, 2005 and Thursday, September 15, 2005. At a meeting of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers held on Tuesday evening, July 12, 2005, Kate Gorrissen of the Trust, Meg Betero, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, and Robert Fountain, the stager of the proposed event, presented plans for the event and received support from the group.

The Trust has submitted a application to the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) to close the end of Telegraph Hill Blvd., generally known as the parking lot, from 6:00am on Wednesday, September 14th to 6:00am on Friday, September 16th. As of the writing of this memo, that permit request will be heard for approval on July 28, 2005. Preliminary inquiries have been made by the Trust and there appears to be no problem with the approval process for the requested closure. The endorsement letter from the Telegraph Hill Dwellers is being forwarded to DPT as an attachment to the permit request. The Trust will be responsible for full cost recovery for DPT and any other City Agencies needed for the staging of this event. Additionally, the Trust will place fliers on all cars in the parking lot area two nights prior to the closure to notify users of the event. This closure applies ONLY to the parking lot area – residents will be able to park along the street leading to the Tower.

Several of the other permits required by this Department for the event cannot be issued until the concept of the event is approved by the Commission. Staff suggests a due date of no later than August 16, 2005 for all other permits to be obtained and filed with our office. Staff will report to the Commission at its regular meeting on August 18, 2005 on the status. Approval of this event is contingent upon all of the necessary permits listed in the attached Permit Fee Worksheet being obtained and filed with this Department prior to the due date.

According to the current operating agreement between the Department and the Trust under "Fundraising Events", "Subject to the rules and policies and any permit, license or other requirements imposed by the City, the Department shall make Department Facilities generally available upon prior reasonable approval by the General Manager of the Department and, as applicable, by the Commission for use by Friends (now Trust) free of charge for the purpose of fundraising. The parties anticipate that such usage would not exceed four (4) times per year." The event being discussed today is the first of such events for this fiscal year but, as this will require closure and loss of revenue at Coit Tower, staff is requesting permission directly from the Commission.

The Trust will be responsible for insuring the event and indemnifying the City, both with their polices and, if applicable, policies from the event stagers with a $1 million certificate of insurance. A security deposit, in the form of a cashier's check, must be presented to the Department against any possible damage to the facility. Both evidence of the insurance policies and the security deposit must be submitted to the Department no later than Monday, August 15, 2005. The security deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred and after an inspection of the facility by staff.

The Trust will be responsible for security services at the event: through the Police Department, a private security service or through Recreation and Park Patrol. The cost for Park Patrol officers, if used, will be billed at $50.00 per hour per officer.

Department staff estimates the cost of closing the facility to be a total of $3,500 for the two days ($2,000 for the Department and $1,500 for the concessionaire, Mr. Fred Lo). The Trust will reimburse both the Department and Mr. Lo for this estimated loss in revenue.

Amplified sound for the event will be used only inside the tents that will be required to be baffled to minimize sound leakage to the neighborhood.

The Trust has completed required standard documentation with Permits and Reservations for the use, including a permit for amplified sound. All pertinent required permits and documentation shall be submitted directly to Permits and Reservations by the due date of August 15, 2005.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the closing of Coit Tower to the public on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 and Thursday, September 15, 2005 for a fundraising event sponsored by the San Francisco Parks Trust.

MONSTER PARK

Monster Park has been a popular venue for many sports enthusiasts since it opened its doors in 1960. In the year 2005, it is estimated that Monster Park will welcome approximately 500,000 visitors for 49ers games

alone. Until the installation of the Sprint PCS site in 2000, visitors to Monster Park had been frustrated and inconvenienced by their ability to use most cellular phones within the Stadium.

To continue to offer their customers improved cellular communication service within the Stadium, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. a Delaware limited partnership, has asked to continue using approximately 260 square feet of unused space in the Stadium to house equipment cabinets and antennas to facilitate cellular communications in the Stadium. The sizing, strength and location of the antennae system has been designed such that it exclusively serves Monster Park and does not radiate signals outside the Stadium. Prior to the current agreement, a community meeting was held to address any concerns or questions regarding this project. There was no opposition to the project.

The rent under the current license is now $2,320 per month and the proposed rent under the new license is $2,400 per month or $28,800 the first year. This is approximately $9.23 a square foot per month. This represents approximately a 3.5 % increase. Sprint believed that 3% was a more realistic increase. Staff and Sprint negotiated a 3.5% increase over the current monthly fee of $2,320 to establish the new beginning monthly fee at $2,400. Under the current license the monthly fee was increased by $80 per month on each anniversary date. Under the new license the monthly fee will increase by $100 per month on each anniversary date.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new PCS site License for Sprint at Monster Park.

MINNIE AND LOVIE WARD RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for the Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center and Oceanview Park. One bid was received on June 15, 2005 from West Bay Builders, submitting a construction base bid of $9,725,019, an alternate A1 bid of $815,000 and alternate A2 bid of $250,000 and an alternate A3 bid of $20,000. This cumulative total of $10,810,019 is below the project's construction budget of $10,867,722. Upon the Commission's approval staff will proceed with the award of contract.

The new Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center is a campus style structure with four separate buildings connected by a loggia. The gymnasium is a freestanding building as is the community room and the teen building. Other multipurpose rooms, including arts and crafts, preschool, kitchen and weight rooms form the spine of the center. A large central courtyard will function as an additional program space. Outdoor improvements include play structures for children and toddlers, a hillside slide, entry plaza, picnic and barbecue areas and paths for strollers and pedestrians.

Mary Harris gave the Commission a brief overview of the history of the Recreation Center and asked that the Commission approve the item. **Marie Hollins** spoke in support of this item and asked the Commission to approve the item.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to West Bay Builders, Inc. in the amount of $10,810,019.00 for the base bid plus Alternates A1, A2 and A3 for the Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center and Oceanview Park.

FERRY PARK – PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE

This item was presented by **Commissioner Lazarus**. He stated that Ernestine Weiss had approached the Commission on several occasions talking about Ferry Park and her interest in both the original founding and its continued maintenance and preservation. He stated that a number of Commissioners had spoken with Ernestine and tried to come up with a method of both the origin of the park and Ernestine's particular roll recognizing that it was part of larger civic effort. He suggested that there be two plaques – one general and one recognizing Ernestine Weiss. With the cooperation of the SF Parks Trust, this could go on a stone

on the pathway by Embarcadero 4 behind the fountain as you enter the park from the southern direction. He also suggested that the second plaque be authorized, though not funded publicly or through the SF Parks Trust in recognition of Ernestine Water Weiss and that Commissioners have the opportunity to add their name to this plaque. Below is the wording for each plaque:

General Plaque

Through the foresight and tireless efforts of community and civic leaders whom after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, envisioned a beautiful, pedestrian friendly waterfront and with the support of the State of California and the cooperation of San Francisco Department of Public Works, Ferry Park was established by action of the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County of San Francisco on (date) 2001.

Ernestine Waters Weiss Plaque

In recognition of Ernestine Waters Weiss. Recreation and Park Commissioners (list names) recognize Ernestine Waters Weiss who with other civic and community leaders was instrumental in urging the creation of Ferry Park, protecting in perpetuity this valuable waterfront land for the enjoyment of all who live, work or visit the Golden Gateway neighborhood.
(Date of installation)

In regard to the general plaque: Eula Walters stated that if anyone saved the park it was not Ernestine but she. She also stated that Ernestine does not represent Golden Gateway Center. Ms. Walters discussed the research she did on the park. Robert McCarthy stated that he had been involved in the consulting on the creation of the Gold Rush Trail. He stated that through lots of research they determined where the important sites were and what caused that site to be important and how it contributed to the City and its population. He stated that it was unprecedented in how the state, the City and the neighborhoods came together to create this park. He felt it would be a service to future generations to acknowledge those who had the vision to go forward and to make something happen. Joan Girardot stated that she would be in favor of both the general plaque and a plaque for Ernestine Weiss. She stated that individuals who give money are recognized and sometimes to recognize people who give their time is important also. Emeric Kalman noted the work, time, energy and enthusiasm of Ernestine and believed that this was a very small price to recognize all of her work.
In regard to the plaque for Ernestine Weiss: Robert McCarthy stated that the development community was furious with Ernestine because she stayed the course. He noted that each time someone tried to develop the land they were stopped by Ernestine – be it the butterfly museum or the underground parking garage. Although there were a number of people who should share in the glory, the one person with the energy and who stayed the course was Ernestine. Eula Walters stated that she started the fight to save the park – not Ernestine, she paid for the research and she had the documents to prove it. She stated that she did not see Ernestine until six years after she started the fight. She went through and named all the projects she fought to keep this a park.

On motion made by **Commissioner Lazarus** the following resolutions were voted on and defeated:
That the Commission authorize the General Manager to have installed a general plaque provided it be provided and fabricated at no cost to the City.

No – Bonilla, Harrison and Murray. Aye – Lazarus.

That the Commission authorize the General Manager to provide a secondary plaque in a location similar to the bench program honoring the specific works of Ernestine Weiss provided it be provided and fabricated at no cost to the City.

No – Bonilla, Harrison and Murray. Aye – Lazarus.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Wayne Reading, chief Financial Officer of the San Francisco Zoological Society presented that Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 05-06 and requested that the Commission accept the budget. He noted the packet that was prepared for the Commission and stated it included a list of budget assumptions when preparing the budget. The budget was presented to the Joint Zoo Committee the first week of July. He made two comments on the budget assumptions: 1) visitors attendance was predicted to be up about 10% from the current year, 2) wage and salary increase if about $235,000, 3) 8 positions that are being filled next year 12 month positions that were part time the current year and 4) built into the fee increase for San Francisco residents of $1.00 in January 2006. He then gave a brief overview.

On motion of **Commissioner Harrison** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission does accept the FY05-06 Operation Budget.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT – EXTENSION OF AS-NEEDEDARCHITECTURAL
As-Needed Architectural Services Agreement currently managed by DPW for the Recreation and Park Department expires on September 15, 2005. There are five architectural firms that are contracted with the Department under this agreement to provide A/E services for several RPD projects in various phases of design. Last month, the Commission approved both a time and fee extension for three of the five firms currently engaged in RPD projects. Staff is requesting that the Commission approve a two-year time extension for the remaining two firms. The request is allowed under the Administration Code Chapter 6, Section 6.64.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission does extend the existing as-needed architectural contract (RP0206-015) for KK Architects and Dev Architects/Kapp+Du Architects by 24 months for a total contract duration of five years per the Administration Code Chapter 6, Section 6.64.

At this time the Commission returned to the General Manager's Report. Mr. Agunbiade gave an update on the landmarking of the trees in the Concourse in Golden Gate Park and the new See's Candy Store in Union Square. The Commission continued their discussion on the Natural Areas Program Management Plan. **Commissioner Bonilla** requested that the general manager look into extending the public comment period and the current contract. The Commission stated that they wanted to hold a hearing on the Draft plan before it goes for environmental review – with a hearing in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Emeric Kalman stated that at the Board of Supervisors, RPD asked for an exemption of $146,000 for a youth program. He asked how much was in the FY05-06 budget for programs for people with disabilities. He also spoke on the Marina fees. Sally Stephens with SFDOG spoke about her concerns with the DAC – specifically the enforcement and timed use issues. Joan Girardot formally requested a public hearing in the Marina on the commercial dock fees and the paid parking fees passed by the Board of Supervisors at the recommendation of the Commission. She explained her reasons for this request. Bill Carlin also spoke about his concerns of DAC – enforcement on the agenda and that it is not part of DAC's responsibilities and timed use not on an agenda and it is part of DAC;s responsibilities. Reola Freeman gave an update on her responsibilities with the First Tee Program. Nancy Wuerfel encouraged staff to allow scientific review should be part of the public comment. Lisa Vittori spoke on the people and families with dogs who use Delores Park. Donald Bird addressed what he believed were maintenance issues at Delores Park.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
Commissioner Lazarus asked staff to comment on the Department's ability to fill gardening positions in July, August and September of this year.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 5:55 p.m.
The Commission reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

On motion made by Commissioner Murray and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0507-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission votes not to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12 (a)).

Yomi Agunbiade introduced Melissa Chan with the Workreaction Program who had been assigned to the Commission office during the summer.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

August 18, 2005

Commission President Gloria Bonilla called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, August 18, 2005 at 2:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Tom Harrison
David Lee
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin

Absent
Jim Lazarus
John Murray

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bonilla introduced the General Manager Yomi Agunbiade, the Director of Operations Denny Kern and the Capital Program Manager, Rhoda Parhams. She then introduced Commissioner David Lee, the newly appointed commissioner. She then announced the following committee assignments; Capital Program Committee – Commissioner Martin, Chair, Commissioner Harrison and Commissioner Lazarus; Operations Committee – Commissioner Levitan, Chair, Commissioner Bonilla and Commissioner Murray and the Joint Zoo Committee – Commissioner Lazarus, Chair, Commissioner Harrison and Commissioner Lee.President Bonilla presented the following people with Resolutions of Retirement: **Herman Henry and Gerald Tilton.**

She announced that the Commission would be adjourning in memory of two very dedicated and much loved public servants.

The first is Maryanne Harrison, the wife of our Commissioner Tom Harrison. She was a fourth-generation San Franciscan and was active in church, civic and neighborhood causes in the City. She was appointed to the Bridge Board by the Board of Supervisors in 2001, served as the second vice president in 2003 and 2004 and was became first vice president of the Golden Gate Bridge Board in 2005. She was passionate in all her endeavors and was a leader in whatever project or cause she undertook. She loved children and they loved her. She ran the St. Vincent de Paul extended care program and was the favorite with all the children. Infact, she would have a water fight with all the children on the last day of school…something everyone looked forward to.

The second person is a former commissioner of the Recreation and Park, Commissioner Eugene Friend.

Gene was the quintessential Commissioner on the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission where he was seated for 24 years. He left an indelible mark on the restoration of Golden Gate Park, the Zoo and the South of Market Recreation Center. Anyone who knew Gene will tell you that he had a reputation for being able to see issues clearly, ask direct questions and get things done. Gene also served as a

commissioner on the Parking Authority and on numerous boards throughout his life. He has given numerous gifts throughout the community. His colleagues lauded him for his ability to give civic and philanthropic projects the leadership boost that they needed for success. His last name was well suited to him as many remarked "no one could have a better friend than Gene."

She stated that the Commission will miss both of these remarkable people and would like to express to both families the deepest sympathy in their loss.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Hayes Green Status Update:
On July 12, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution for the transfer of land located on Octavia Boulevard, between Hayes Street and Fell Street, from the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the Recreation and park Department (RPD). In addition, the Maintenance Agreement between DPW and RPD has been signed by all parties.

Golden Gate Park Highlights: Rainbow Falls is running again after an intensive in-house repair effort. Many staff members worked to repair the infrastructure, clean out the lake and clear and plant the landscape. There will be roses blooming at the top of the Falls. Special thanks to Park Section Supervisor Andy Stone for moving this project forward, and to the Stationary engineers, Section 4 and Job Training Program Horticultural staff. Janet Aguilera, the Gardener who was hit by car on Conservatory Drive returned to work part time. Park staff successfully accommodated and hosted a variety of volunteer work parties and was busy helping before and after large events such as the Aids Walk.

Weeded and edged Conservatory Valley. Designs for winter floral displays in the Valley are completed and they will be spectacular. The Valley flower beds will be changed over in early October. Irrigation troubleshooting continues. Edging and weed management continues in all beats. Challenges: Illegal campers and drug users present a safety risk to Gardeners. Alvord Lake still dry, awaiting gate valve repair. Sharon Meadow has sinkholes from poor contractor work and the issue is apparently in litigation. Panhandle drainage problems can be partly resolved by Gardeners' strategies but dips in the asphalt path require a Capital project. Extensive irrigation malfunctions are due to a broad spectrum of causes, most of which are beyond horticultural staff's ability to correct and we are working on all fronts to make progress.

Tree Fern Dell frond pruning nearing completion. Several tree ferns were replanted. Staff is keeping the turf at the Bowling greens firmer and drier than in the past, at the request of the players who are enjoying a faster game though there is some loss of color. Construction coordination activity is ongoing increasing in complexity as projects get closer to the landscaping level. Challenges: Three Gardeners retired in June. One Gardener still out on long term sick leave. Staff shortage is severe.

Rose Garden is still blooming. Floral feature at 25th St. looks good. Trimming and illegal camp abatement done along Cedar Alley/Crossover. Continued trimming around Mallard Lake and along MLK. Area around Stow lake entry sign weeded and chipped. Two loads of chips spread on redwood path. Large groups of children and school groups enjoying the meadows daily. Challenges: Vandalism and destructive homeless continues around the Chinese Pavilion in Stow Lake. 2 Gardeners out on extended Maternity Leave.

Brush clearing and weeding at Senior Center, thorough weeding at Rhododendron Island and Anglers' Lodge. Extensive irrigation trouble shooting and maintenance of irrigation heads. Cleared out two large abandoned encampments. Pruning at bike path south of Polo Field is continuing. Challenges: Two Gardeners have retired in April/May. Irrigation pressure problems continue and staff spent considerable time cleaning irrigation heads clogged with shellfish and other debris from Stow Lake water which has screening problems. Computer for the clean water system is still not repaired.

Ongoing pruning, clearing and brush removal to keep paths spacious. Dug up, dismantled, cleaned and replaced approximately 30 irrigation heads. Routine gardening, vandalism repair and maintenance. Challenges: One Gardener out on WC, one out on FMLA, and one Custodian frequently absent. Some

encampment and plant vandalism problems and Police have had a presence addressing illegal sex activities in several areas.

Horticultural Goals for the next six months are to redefine the simple and elegant sweep of landscape, especially where meadows transition to edges and groves, concentrating on some of the entrances and highly visible areas near the Music Concourse. Summer maintenance focuses on irrigation. Collaborated with Forestry Division on Coast Live Oak planting in Section 4 near Doughboy Meadow.

Highlights for the month of July 2005 can be summarized: fire and weed abatement – specifically in the Glen Park/Bernal & Christopher/Upper Noe Complexes volunteer projects, and summer outings for children. Staff training was also provided in the areas of the new TMA work order system, email, and goat grazing as a means of weed and fire abatement. Details follow:

Glen Park/Bernal Heights Complex - Park Section Supervisor: Marianne Bertuccelli

Annual Fire/Weed Abatement
Manual abatement – Twin Peaks, Blvd., O'Shaughnessy Blvd., Berkeley Way, Elk Street Guardrail, Bernal Hill roadside, Coleridge Mini Park slope. Goat grazing was conducted at Turquoise Way, Crag's Court and Silver Tree Day Camp.

St. Mary's
Section of fence line cleared of ivy for repair by Iron Shop, hedges trimmed, beds weeded, bed near gym under renovation, side areas string trimmed, area near east cargo container weeded and cleaned, DPA area pruning, irrigation maintenance, ball diamond (2) maintenance, & gopher control.

Holly Park
Construction started on restroom renovation. Ball diamond maintenance, string trimming of fence line, irrigation maintenance & repairs.

Glen Park
Fire abatement work (see above), string trimming of additional side areas (Elk Street steps, Bosworth sidewalk, ball field surrounds), ball diamond maintenance, irrigation system repair and maintenance, gopher control, two trees planted – Olive and Crabapple.

Bernal Heights/Hamilton Satellite - Recreation Supervisor: Gilberto Rocha

Hamilton Recreation Center
The Hamilton Japanese Senior Club celebrated their 40th anniversary with 125 participants and well wishers.

Bernal Heights
Two Junior Giants Teams. Summer outings for children to destinations including: Raging Waters, and Shadow Creek Park in Pleasanton.

Hayes Valley Playground -
In conjunction with the SFPD held their annual boys and girls basketball program, "Basketball Bingo."

Douglass Playground
Latchkey Program 25 enrolled, participated in Golden Gate Tennis Tournament, play date with Richmond Playground

Upper Noe Recreation Center
Conducted a Basketball League for boys 13 and under (6 teams), the Tennis Team took 3rd Place in the city-wide teen tennis tournament, children participated in sea camp where they enjoyed kayaking, tide pools, hikes and sand crabbing.

Mission Satellite - Recreation Supervisor: Elizabeth Gee

Glen Park Recreation Center
Fourth Annual Summer Basketball Camp attended by 75 youth. Girls Softball team and Latchkey Program with 25 children enrolled.

Garfield Playground - Latchkey program with 25 children enrolled.

Mission Recreation Center
Outings included movies, bowling, Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk, Yerba Buena Center and Golden Gate Park. 30 – 60 children participated. Twelve children from the mission attended sea camp where they enjoyed kayaking, tide pools, hikes and sand crabbing. Funding from "Team Up for Youth" allowed us to provide soccer and basketball fundamental skills building camps for girls. 120 girls participated in this eight-week program.

Horace Mann Gym - Soccer League and Tournament in Anaheim.

Christopher/Noe Complex - Park Section Supervisor: Teresa O'Brien

Annual Fire/Weed Abatement - Moffit Street, Diamond Heights Blvd., Corona Heights (easement)

Christopher Playground - "Community Clean Up" in conjunction with Volunteer Office.

Corona Heights - Fire and weed abatement on the easement below.

Upper Noe Recreation Center - "Community Clean Up" in conjunction with Volunteer Office.

Western Addition Complex - Park Section Supervisor: Anthony Tudoni

Koshland - "Community Clean Up" in conjunction with Volunteer Office.

Alamo Square - Special workday with Mobile Crew Assistance due to staff on SDI.

Buena Vista
Staff trained students from the "Enterprise for High School Students" program. The students worked with staff to clean staircases, weed, plant flowerbeds, and clean pathways. They also cleaned and mulched areas around tennis courts. Staff performed irrigation maintenance and repair on lawns at the Summit, Buena Vista East, the Upper Terrace, and Buena Vista West.

Mission Complex
Park Section Supervisor Adrian Field

Mission Playground - Installation of a flower bed near pool entrance.

Special Maintenance Project
Irrigation troubleshooting and repair started on the north side of the park under the direction of Park Section supervisor M. Bertuccelli. Gardeners from the Mission Complex and the Glen Park/Bernal complex have been assisting at Dolores Park.

Quadrant Challenges
Increase in homeless encampments which results in undue burden and expense due to repeated clean up and maintenance – especially in the Mission and Western Addition areas. Staffing levels continue to be a challenge not only in landscaping and maintenance where staff is attempting to manage the maintenance needs of multiple facilities with 50% (and less) staffing levels, but also in recreation services where recent retirements will have us scrambling to provide coverage.

OUTING DAYS: All staffed recreation facilities in Quadrant 2 have scheduled outings for children, every Thursday this summer.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK DAY – Thursday, July 7th: Children and teens representing playgrounds and recreation centers in Quadrant 2 enjoyed the annual San Francisco Recreation and Park Department-sponsored event at the Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. The youth enjoyed a day of carnival games, arts and crafts, Carrousel ride, jumpers, science and animal mobiles. Entertainment included magicians, a clown, a balloon sculptor, dancers, all-girl rock band and a show choir. Prizes were awarded to all the children that participated in the carnival games. At the end of the day, a free drawing was conducted to raffle off many prizes, including scooters and helmets and karaoke machines.

Coit Tower
Saturday, July 9th: Telegraph Hill Dwellers volunteers monthly clean-up day. Tasks included weeding, chipping and removal of green waste.

Wednesday, July 13th: North Beach Complex Crew project involving weed whipping, hedging, chipping and tree pruning. Also cleaned Telegraph Hill Road.

Huntington Park
Tuesday, July 12th: Continued renovation of the heavily used lawn – overseeding, fertilizing and aerating.

The fountain has been cleaned and back in operation. John Miller, Lead Gardener, met with the engineers to develop a maintenance plan to keep the fountain running.

Ferry Park - Friday, July 15th: Fertilized the main field.

Helen Wills Park
Thursday, July 14th: A pizza party was organized for the Helen Wills Girls' Softball team. The fifteen members of the team enjoyed pizza, punch, smoothies and playing board games and ping pong.

Wednesday, July 27th: North Beach Complex Crew project. Deferred maintenance and removed ivy from the tennis courts.

Chinese Playground
Sunday, July 10th: Annual 9-man Volleyball Tournament, with 8 teams participating. Over 85 men participated and over 150 spectators were in attendance.

Chinese Recreation Center
Monday, July 11th & Friday, July 15th: The Summer Playschool Program conducted its annual checkers and table tennis tournaments for their participants. 63 boys and girls participated in the checkers tournament and 56 boys and girls participated in the table tennis tournament. It was a fun event for all. Trophies were presented to the 1st and 2nd place winners in each age division.

Joe DiMaggio/North Beach Playground
Wednesday, July 6th: A "Ping Pong Challenge" pitted 8-11 year olds against the Recreation Director in short games to 5 points. There was plenty of excitement and celebration by the players and spectators, when the youngsters made a point or came close to defeating the Director. However, in the end, it was still the Recreation Director who prevailed, victorious against all of her opponents. Everyone had a great time and was especially happy when "icees" were given to the participants as treats. Seven youngsters participated and there were 25 spectators.

Woh Hei Yuen
Tuesday, July 5th: First class for "Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy". Youngsters were taught the basic technique on how to write Chinese characters. Paper, brushes and ink were provided to the children to learn and practice. The 17 youngsters in the class are really enjoying this new activity.

Thursday, July 28th: 12 boys and girls went to the Fort Point National Historical site for a picnic. The weather was great and everyone had a terrific time enjoying plenty of food and drink.

Portsmouth Square
Community workshops for this month were as follows:
Tuesday, July 5th: "Medicare 2005 – Drug Discount Program" . Dora Ng, from the Chinese Community Health Plan, spoke about the program, benefits and Medicare beneficiaries. Over 70 people attended.

Tuesday, July 12th: "Housing In San Francisco". Tan Chow and David Ho, from the Chinatown Community Development Center spoke about housing for middle and low-income families and one's rights and responsibilities as a landlord and a tenant. 63 people attended.

Tuesday, July 19th: "First Time Home Purchase". Pail Lam, from the Chinese Newcomers services Center, discussed the available assistance for the first time home buyer, eligibility for first time home purchase benefits and where you can get help. 56 people attended.

Tuesday, July 26th: "Disaster Preparedness". Michael Wong, from the Chinatown Community Development Center, spoke the prediction of earthquakes, earthquake preparedness and what to do during and after an earthquake. 83 people attended.

Chinese Center Satellite Barbecue and Swim Outing
Thursday, July 21st: A barbecue and swim outing for the playgrounds in the Chinese Center Satellite was held at North Beach Pool, Clubhouse and Joe DiMaggio Playground. The children were able to swim at the newly renovated pool, played games on the blacktop and in the clubhouse. Everyone had a great time and there was plenty of food. Over 150 children, representing 5 recreation facilities in the Chinese Center Satellite participated.

Moscone Recreation Center
There were two break-ins during the first two weeks of July. The first break-in was at the office below the bleachers at Hennessey Field. Missing were a pair of gas hedge shears and a blower. The blower was later found outside the building. The second break-in was at the corporation yard on Bay Street, near Webster/Buchanan Streets. Twenty brass rainbird sprinklers were stolen.

Lafayette Square
Saturday, July 9th: Volunteer Day, led by Paul McGloin, Gardener. Ivy removal from trees on the north side and clearing of drainage ditches.

Pathways are scheduled to be repaired, and are being evaluated by Structural Maintenance, the Capital Division and DPW.

Thursday, July 28th: Mini crew project. Planted the entrance to the lower meadow.

Marina Green
Flowerbeds are being prepared for replanting perennials.
Weeding of the Degaussing Station.

Palace of Fine Arts
Robert Pearson, Gardener, has retired. Work assignments for 4 of the gardeners in the Marina Complex have been altered to assist with the maintenance of the Palace of Fine Arts. Davida Kapler, Acting Park Section Supervisor, has also been getting "hands-on".

Alta Plaza
Thursday, July 28th: Crew project. Hedge maintenance.

Friday, July 29th: Volunteers from Moscone Recreation Center cleaned up the cuttings from the crew project the day before.

Julius Kahn Playground
Looking good! Lots of blooms along West Pacific Avenue.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Tuesday, July 5th: Junior Giants season opener at Upper Noe Recreation Center.

Thursday, July 14th: Children went fishing at Lake Merced.

Tuesday, July 26th: Youth Health Van arrived at the Center to answer health concerns of community youth.

Wednesday, July 27th: Senior Health Fair. Facts about high blood pressure were discussed.

Senior programs continue to be popular, including Nutrition, Bingo, Ballroom Dancing and Food Bank Distribution.

Boeddeker Park
Every Thursday, the Family Cross Culture Center, brings over 20 children, ages 5 to 10 years of age, for "Kids Day of Fun".

The Senior Bingo Club meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every week and is very successful.

A group of children were treated to a special deep sea salmon fishing trip one Saturday and had a great time!

Tenderloin Children's Playground
Tuesday, July 5th: Opening Day for Junior Giants League. The Tenderloin Lions earned a hard fought win in the opening game. Many of the players are competing in organized baseball for the very first time.

Wednesday, July 6th: Mission Cliffs, a climbing experience for 6 pre-teens. The Recreation Director and one youth worker have been trained to "belay", which is how to properly use the belay equipment, knot tying and basic top rope climbing. The youth learn how to trust their own decisions in committing to their climbing choices. They also learn how to overcome their fears and rely on their won physical abilities. These 6 teens will continue to advance in their climbing experience with 2 more sessions this month.

The 13 & under basketball team played their first game in the Rochambeau Basketball League.

Saturday, July 9th: Mountain biking with the "Bike for Kids" organization that is based in Marin County. 8 teens from the Tenderloin Children's Playground, participated on a 3-hour bike ride to China Beach, where they had lunch overlooking the Bay. All had a great time, despite tired legs.

Wednesday, July 20th: Mission Cliffs. A new set of children, ages 8 to 12 years of age, were given the opportunity to climb. At this age, they push themselves to only what they think their limit is. The after a few attempts, they push themselves even harder to reach the top. Everyone's is excited and looking forward to next weeks' climb.

Tuesday, July 26th: Seven children were taken on a salmon fishing trip on the Bay. Even though conditions were ideal, only 5 fish were caught. Our recreation director happened to catch two of the five, which he gave to the kids.

Saturday, July 30th: Ocean Beach Picnic and Hike. A hike, beginning at Rockaway Beach took the group to a beautiful beach front by Linda Mar Drive in Pacifica. The children built sand castles, played frisbee and watched youngsters and teens learn how to surf.

During the month of July, the AAA team and the Tenderloin Lions had undefeated records in Junior Giants League play. The 13 & under basketball team had a winning record a clinched a playoff spot in the Rochambeau Basketball League. Good Job! and Congratulations to All!

Pressure Treated Lumber Management Program
The purpose of the Pressure Treated Lumber Management Program is to minimize childhood arsenic poisoning at RPD playgrounds through the identification, management and abatement of chromated copper arsenate treated lumber. The details of the program have been developed to comply with the Board of Supervisors; Ordinance 15-03 regarding lumber pressure treated with arsenic. The Recreation and Park Department Pressure Treated Lumber Management Program was developed to identify and manage arsenic treated lumber on RPD sites. The program involves hazard identification and management. During the hazard identification stage, an environmental consulting firm, SCA Environmental, tested ".RPD play structures following protocols established in a document called "the Arsenic Guidance Document".

Sealing Program

- Since the completion of the testing program, RPD has been sealing the remaining 27 play structures that contain arsenic. According to a schedule, all CCA treated play structures are sealed at least once every two years in compliance with California state law.
- During the ¾ fiscal year, 10 of 13 play structures were sealed in compliance with state law. During the 04/05 fiscal year, 5 of 10 play structures were sealed in compliance with state law, (1) play structure was removed prior to the sealing date, and (3) structures were sealed behind schedule.

Replacement

- An additional 10 play structures will be replaced as part of on-going capital projects, leaving 17 CCA treated play structures at RPD playgrounds. The 17 remaining structures will be addressed as part of future capital improvement work.

Hazard Notification

- After conducting the arsenic testing at each play structure, a laminate notice was posted at the playground to inform parents and caretakers of the results. Notices were posted in several languages.
- RPD has developed a permanent warning sign that will be posted at each of the 27 remaining CCA treated play structures. Permanent warning signs will be posted by the end of 2005.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Martin Macintyre listed reasons that the Sharon Meadow event should not be on the consent calendar and asked that it be moved to the general calendar. Doerte Murray discussed Police Code 2900 and her concern with it. Joan Downey with the Cole Valley Improvement Association stated that they were in opposition to the Now and Zen concert and explained why.

On motion made by **Commissioner Harrison** and duly seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0508-001**

DONATION FROM William W. Southworth, DVM 2071 Hwy 64-90 W. Taylorsville, NC 28681 USDA- N/A	1.0 Kinkajou Potos flavus	NIL
PURCHASE FROM Robin Lynde 7831 N. Meridian. Vacaville, CA 95688 USDA – N/A	0.4 Jacob sheep Ovis aries	$500 Total ($125/ea)

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve Alice Radio Station's request to produce the "Now and Zen Concert" a gated, amplified sound event with beer and wine sales on Sunday, September 25, 2005 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and a modification of the Sharon Meadow Sound Policy.

RES. NO. 0508-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a 447 day extension of time, from 1,188 to 1,635 consecutive calendar days, in order to substantially complete Phase 1A of the Murphy (South) Windmill in Golden Gate Park. **RES. NO. 0508-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does: 1) award seven trade contracts for the California Academy of Sciences. The trade contracts are: Mechanical to Control Air North, Inc. in the amount of $15,740,000; Plumbing to ACCO Engineered Systems Inc. in the amount of $6,365,000; Electrical to Rosendin Electric, Inc. in the amount of $22,820,400: Fire Protection to Northstar Fire Protection in the amount of $3,960,000; Elevator to Otis Elevators in the amount of $3,697,000; Earthwork to Pacific State Environmental Contractors Inc. in the amount of $2,720,564.50; Shoring to Raito Inc. in the amount of $1,697,740 and 2) award of Phase II of the design-build construction contract to Reynolds Polymer Technology Inc. in the amount of $741,586.

RES. NO. 0508-004

GENERAL CALENDAR
JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA AND GOLDEN GATE PARK TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURES

Staff presented a request by Regina Almanguer and Associates in conjunction with the San Francisco State University, the San Francisco Art Commission and the deYoung Museum to install five pieces of temporary art from October 1 through November 7, 2005 at the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza and in Golden Gate Park in the Rose Garden, the Cabrillo Statue Area, and the Lawn Area in front of the Arboretum.

On motion made by **Commissioner Harrison** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request of Regina Almanguer and Associates (in conjunction with San Francisco State University, the Art Commission and the deYoung Museum) to install five pieces of temporary art from October 1 through November 7, 2005 at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza, and the Rose Garden, Cabrillo Statue Area, and the Lawn Area in front of the Arboretum in Golden Gate Park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – SHARON MEADOW

Staff presented a request by the Chronicle to produce the annual "Opera in the Park" on Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the SF Opera, Recreation and Park Department and SF Parks Trust. Staff explained that they were requesting a temporary modification to the Sharon Meadow Sound Policy and would be using Police Code 2900. As was stated earlier in the meeting this is a one time exemption to the policy and staff will be coming back to the Commission in October to report its findings. Deputy City Attorney Elizondo confirmed that the Commission does have the authority to make exceptions to the existing policy and to use the Police Code requested by staff.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Chronicle's request to produce the annual "Opera in the Park", an amplified sound event on Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., and a modification the Sharon Meadow Sound Policy.

ARGONNE PLAYGROUND AND CLUBHOUSE

The Recreation and Park Department solicited construction bids for the renovation of Argonne Playground and Clubhouse on August 3, 2005. Only one bid was received with a base bid of $2,425,276 from Esquival Grading and Paving, Inc. resulting in a 39% increase over the consultants' estimate of $1,744,000. Staff presented this information at the August 4, 2005 Capital Committee meeting, whereupon it was discussed to reject the bid and follow through with negotiations.

Ron Miguel with the Planning Association of the Richmond urged the Department not to downgrade the plans for the playground.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the Argonne Playground Project and authorize the General Manager to proceed in an expeditious manner, per Administration Code Section 6.23c.

HARDING PARK AND FLEMING GOLF COURSE – FEE INCREASES

As part of the annual budget process, the Department management and staff proposed increases to selected fees at certain City-owned golf courses for the 2005-06 fiscal year. The property management unit sent notices to individuals on the golf mailing list and notices were posted at all department golf courses and meeting to discuss the fee increases was held on May 18, 2005. Those fees were later approved by the Commission and eventually the Board of Supervisors as part of the budget package. These fees will be come effective September 1, 2005.

During the budget hearings at the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors, a suggestion was made to raise certain fees at Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses above and beyond what had been proposed by the Department, with the intent of raising additional funds to improve other courses. Additional revenue from the proposal was estimated at more than $60,000. On Thursday, July 21, 2005, the matter was continued for 60 days to allow the Department to notify the public of this latest proposed increase on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 was sent to individuals on the golf mailing list and notices were posted at the City golf courses. Eleven members of the public attended this second meeting.

The proposal includes a dozen additional fee increases ranging from 1.2% to 4.3% for Harding Park Golf course and 3.8% and 10% on Fleming. Resident increases will not exceed $1.00. Also note the proposal suggests the Off Season/Aerification rate for Bay Area resident be withdrawn.

Carl Swanson discussed and disagreed with the fee increases being proposed. He specifically mentioned his concerns with the junior golf fees. Brad Anderson stated that he has tried to get information on revenues and has not been able to get his questions answered. He requested information on who was working on the process for a tournament rate. Reola Freeman spoke on behalf of juniors and opposed the junior golf fee increase. Emeric Kalman asked staff more specifics in the revenue reports. He also asked for clarification on the essential government/ non-essential government services. Deputy City Attorney Elizondo explained in detail the difference between essential/non-essential government services.

On motion made by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve additional fee increases at Harding Park and Fleming Golf Courses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eula Walters spoke of her concerns with the chickens at Ferry Park. She also discussed problems she had with staff at the park. Emeric Kalman asked for an accounting on the Marina (in financial report) and felt that the City Attorney, if asked, should give an answer to the Commission or staff and also to the public. Brad Anderson discussed the junior fees that were going into effect September 1, 2005.

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 3:37 p.m.
The Commission reconvened into open session at 3:47 p.m.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0508-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission elects not disclose any or all discussions held in closed session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12 (a)).

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Levitan requested that the Harbor Master give the Commission an update in September. General Manager Agunbiade explained that Brad Gross had been in a serious bicycle accident and requested that he make the presentation at a latter commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. in memory of Maryanne Harrison and Eugene Friend. Respectfully submitted.

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

September 15, 2005

Commission President Gloria Bonilla called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 2:10 p.m.

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Gloria Bonilla, President
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President Bonilla announce that item numbers 5, 7.8, and 9 were removed from calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bonilla presented the following people with certificates of retirement: Mike Morlin, Mary Nimitz, Paul Wilson and Norma Morena.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Events of Last Month
Quadrant 1

Golden Gate Park Highlights:
August 2005, MONTHLY REPORT

Section 1—Weeded Conservatory Valley. The Valley flowerbeds are putting on a great show and will put on a strong show in September. The beds will needed to be fallowed out in October and will be replanted in late October, so Conservatory Valley needs to be fallow during the DeYoung Museum's grand Opening. Irrigation troubleshooting continues, with staff fixing and cleaning Hunter heads in the Panhandle and Sharon Meadow. The Arguello entrance was graded and irrigation heads moved to new grades. Edging and weed management continues in all beats. Water pressure improved with the reconnection of the 8" main at the Concourse, although several blowouts caused East End shutdowns. Challenges: Illegal campers and drug users present a safety risk to Gardeners. Alvord Lake is still dry, awaiting gate valve replacement or repair. Sharon Meadow has sinkholes from poor contractor work and the issue is apparently in litigation and unresolved. Panhandle drainage problems can be partly resolved by Gardeners' strategies but dips in the asphalt path require a Capital project. Extensive irrigation malfunctions are due to a broad spectrum of causes, most of which are beyond horticultural staff's ability to correct and we are working on all fronts to make progress. One Gardener (Stanyan beat) is frequently absent due to Workers' Comp leaves, and his beat is covered by other Section Gardeners. Gardener Robert Swanson who retired in Spring has not been replaced.

Section 2—General: this has been a very busy month with many volunteer and crew projects, coordination meetings, construction impacts, continued all-time low staffing shortage impacts, and continuing water delivery shortages. All of this combined with performance pressures ramping up to meet expectations for quality park landscapes in time for the DeYoung reopening this fall and Concourse reopening this winter has made for a very challenging period. Custodial shortage has impacted the park greatly. One custodian is now on extended FMLA leave for a family illness.
Staff continues to meet the challenges to the best of their ability and show their commitment to the city's parks and public.

Japanese Tea Garden: last minute construction impacts and changes have altered the entry plantings and grade of entry walk. Further alterations are necessary to ensure a seamless connection with the DeYoung landscape. Pond cleaning efforts have exposed deterioration of teahouse drains. Sunken Garden Pond drain has sprung a leak that will create new challenges for next month. Gardeners replaced numerous fence posts this month. Staff completed Concourse elm sucker removal and participated in two crew projects outside the Tea Garden in preparation for the DeYoung soft opening. Tea Garden currently has only 2 Gardeners, with the third Gardener on long term sick leave.

Rhododendron Dell: water pressure impacts have undermined efforts to keep rhodies alive. More have died due to lack of available water and staffing, retired Gardener has not yet been backfilled. There is abundant weed growth due to staff shortage. Meanwhile some maintenance continues and was supported by two separate volunteer efforts addressing weed control, one with 8 volunteers and one with 11.

Humanitarian Garden: standing volunteer workday saw continued brush removal, hand weeding and wood chip spreading, but there were not enough working volunteers to justify continued Saturday supervision by a Gardener.

JFK/Concourse area: six crew projects in this area coupled with work by the Job Training staff at 8th and Fulton have made some progress. Much more effort is needed to meet self-imposed goals.

Fern Dell: tree ferns were stressed by lack of water availability. There is a leak awaiting repair, which needs a backhoe.

National Aids Memorial Grove: workday this month was very productive generating numerous piles of weeds and debris. Water shortages have browned some lawn edges and have stressed the plantings.

Big Rec: in spite of water issues ball fields continue to look good. Homeless impacts have been very severe, with campfires, and an entrenched population of substance abusers, with also a few arrests.

Bowling Greens: Sod Crew assisted in establishing turf edge prior to the tournaments.

Tour bus parking/Bandshell: renovations in this area have progressed beautifully in preparation for the deYoung Grand Opening. The Job Training Crew has transformed the area by weeding, pruning, edging and chipping. Potholes were patched in parking lot.

Shakespeare Garden: Volunteer intern has begun work in renovating/preparing perennial beds for fall planting. Weeding, pruning and removal of inappropriate plantings are setting the stage for some potential strides forward in improving this neglected jewel, although retired Gardener has not yet been replaced. CAS construction impacts are posing a significant threat to tree edge, with mitigation strategies and negotiations in progress. This Garden continues to be a popular wedding destination, with several occurring each weekend day.

Park entry at 9th and Lincoln: renovation efforts by Job Training Crew continue with weed removal and chipping in preparation for more refined and appropriate plantings this fall.

Sunbather's Meadow: California Academy of Science has taken over the meadow as planned. They have fenced the area, retrofitted existing irrigation to meet RP needs, laid down filter fabric, laid road gravel, and

begun importing excavation fill into the meadow. Area will be out of commission for the next two-plus years. Construction impacts are soon to require removal of more of the tree perimeter between CAS and the Rhododendron Dell with the negotiated input from the Forestry Division.

Challenges: Three Gardeners retired in June. Another Gardener is still out on long term sick leave. Staff shortage is severe. Retired Custodian (Simon Wong) needs to be replaced ASAP for upcoming Concourse maintenance.

Section 4—
Rose Garden is still blooming and looks great. New entrance design is thriving and adding a significant visual impact. Roses that have finished blooming are covered with bright red rose hips. At dawn and dusk, scores of swallows can be seen swooping over the garden scooping up insects. Rough area between Rose Garden and Rose Garden Meadow is being opened up to discourage illegal encampments, promote use by park patrons and improve light for redwoods.

13 Colonies Meadow-automatic irrigation controllers are not working and need to be retrofitted with surge protectors. Gardener is keeping the meadow green by hand set sprinklers.

Pioneer Log Cabin-Hawthorn grove receiving trimming and brush removal. Gardener is also focusing on picnic area, with general improvements.

Strawberry Island- pruned stairway sides to the top of Huntington Falls. Drinking and abuse of the Chinese Pagoda by illegal campers continues. Stair rail ½ painted.

Stow Lake/ MLK slope- Gardener is continuing with weeding and pruning around the lake. New memorial bench installed in memory of long time Rec-Park employee Paul Whang.

Rainbow Falls/Doughboy Meadow- restored Rainbow Falls are powerful and spectacular and operating steadily thanks to Leon Smith and the Stationary Engineers. Whole crew is helping to get this large are into maintenance condition in anticipation of a Gardener's return from maternity leave in September.

Cedar Alley/Elk Glen areas getting consistent care, looking green and well tended. Floral feature at JFK and Crossover is remarkable with bright red begonias under blue Atlas Cedar. Irrigation system was not adequate along Crossover. Area is experiencing unrelenting pressure, trash and vandalism from illegal campers and junk collectors who continuously cut access to the fenced dumpster yard.

Mallard Lake and picnic grounds- Gardener continued with clearing and improvements around lake. Trees and shrubs near road signs along Lincoln Way were pruned for visibility.

Section 5—
Senior Center-Gardener hand weeded surrounding beds.
Speedway Meadow- pruned along bike path.
Spreckels Lake-ground prep is underway for turf renovation.
Lindley, Speedway and Marx Meadows-many hours devoted to irrigation system troubleshooting and supplemental watering.
Lindley Meadow- under intense pressure from illegal campers around picnic tables with much time spent on daily cleaning.
Metson Lake-cleaned up 6 large abandoned campsites.
Bison Paddock- had an irrigation break. Animals need to be moved by Zoo Keeper for high mowing by HEO.
Rhododendron Island and Anglers' Lodge-looking good, flowery and up to date.

Section 6—
Bercut Equitation Ring –was prepped for an equestrian event.
North Lake-Staff assisted with the reintroduction of native chorus frogs to the island.
Lincoln Way- pruned areas along street signs for visibility.

Archery field- replaced bales at targets.
Great Highway-crew project thinned shrubs near restrooms. Neighbors have been cutting down windbreak plants without authorization ostensibly to remove cover for illegal activity but possibly also to improve their views.
Irrigation- troubleshooting continues at a high time allotment.
Weed management- ground prep work done in anticipation of mulching projects in Sept.

One Gardener out on WC, one out on SDI, and one Custodian frequently absent on medical leaves. Encampment and malicious landscape vandalism continues in the west end of the park and Police have had a presence addressing illegal sex activities.

Horticultural Goals for the near future is to continue concentrating on some of the entrances and highly visible areas near the Music Concourse, with some park-wide crew projects planned. Planning is ongoing for Fall/Winter turf renovations and drainage work is also on the agenda. Focus is still on irrigation until the rainy season begins.

Assistant Superintendent

Quadrant 1
Highlights for the month of August 2005 can be summarized: providing quality recreation programs and services and maintaining clean, well maintained parks. Volunteer projects continued at Alamo, Hamilton, Buena Vista, and Duboce Park as well as summer outings for children to destinations such as Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk, Great America and Golden Gate Park.

Glen Park/Bernal Heights Complex

St. Mary's Recreation Center
Renovation of one ball diamond

Special Project
Complex Staff worked with the plumbing shop to troubleshoot and begin repair and restoration of the irrigation system at Dolores Park.

Bernal Heights/Hamilton Satellite, Recreation Supervisor: Gilberto Rocha

Bernal Heights Playground
Staff organized and coached three teams to play in the Jr. Giants Baseball Program.

Douglass Playground
End of Summer Celebration with 30 children and their families

Upper Noe Recreation Center
The seniors hosted a community "white elephant sale"
Seventy-five girls participated in the Upper Noe Summer Basketball Clinic
Upper Noe conducted a Basketball League for Boys 13 and under. Six teams participated.
Staff coached three teams, which participated in the Junior Giants Baseball League

Mission Satellite
Mission Recreation Center
Thirty-one children learned to play tennis as part of a citywide tennis-training program.
Youth fellows from CORO of Northern California presented a series on "healthy eating for Life" to thirty-one children participated.

St. Mary's Recreation Center
Sixteen youth went deep-sea fishing on the "Lovely Martha"

Special event – "Art in the Park Day" at Holly Park in conjunction with the San Francisco Children's Museum. 30 pre-schoolers created masterpieces.
St. Mary's hosted the first Basketball co-ed League for adults.

Dolores Park Clubhouse
The first ever art camp for children was conducted over an eight-week period by the San Francisco Children's Art Museum.

Christopher/Noe Complex
Field Renovation
Randall, Grattan and State Streets

Preparation of Property for school year programs
Peixotto Playground

Special Projects
Eureka Valley Library 15 truckloads of brush hauled away, area chipped.

Quadrant Challenges
Homeless encampments continue to be a chronic problem which results in undue burden and expense to our quadrant due to repeated clean up and maintenance – especially in the Mission and Western Addition areas. Staffing levels continue to be a challenge not only in landscaping and maintenance where staff is attempting to manage the maintenance needs of multiple facilities with 50% (and less) staffing levels, but also in recreation services where recent retirements and staff illnesses have us scrambling to provide coverage.

Quadrant 2
August 2005 Highlights from Quadrant 2 & part of Quadrant 3 are as follows:

All the playgrounds and recreation centers in Quadrant 2 & parts of Quadrant 3 scheduled weekly outings for the youth during the summer. Outings included: Heather Farms, Waterworld, Concord Pool, Great America, Marine World, barbecue picnics, deep sea fishing, bowling, movies and Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk.

Many of the facilities also participated in the Mayor's Summer Lunch Program, where lunches and snacks were served to youth, ages 18 and under, Monday through Friday.

Tenderloin Children's Playground
Wednesdays, August 3rd and 10th: Mission Cliffs. An additional 6 children had the opportunity to experience rock climbing for the first time. This program was initially described in Q-2's July 2005 report. We are happy to report that the popular program is continuing and expanding.

Friday, August 5th: Chocolate Exhibit. Twelve children, accompanied by one of our Recreation staff took a leisurely walk to the Steinhart Aquarium, located on 4th and Howard Streets to visit their special chocolate exhibit. Andy, a volunteer at the Tenderloin Children's Playground coordinated the event. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the tasting portion of the exhibit.

Tuesday, August 9th: Stanford Medical Van. Provided medical services, including physical exams, pregnancy testing, HIV testing and free medication to approximately 20 teens and young adults. The Van visits once a month.

Monday, August 15th: Visit from the Bookmobile of the San Francisco Public Library. Within the 90 minute visit, at least a dozen children went into the Bookmobile to read books and/or to return borrowed books and checkout new books. Staff selects up to 30 new books every month to use for the reading and homework program.

Wednesday, August 17th: Finale to the summer baseball and basketball leagues. The Majors and AAA Baseball teams and the 13 & under Basketball team had successful seasons, ha a lot of fun and learn a lot about their respective sports. For many of the participants, this was their first experience participating on an organized team, in an organized league.

Saturday through Tuesday, August 20th – 23rd: Yosemite Trip. A selected group of youngsters, accompanied by Recreation staff enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, sightseeing and playing in the cool river.

Boeddeker Park
The Computer Lab has been increasing in popularity. Al Wimberly, Recreation Director, oversees this program, with the assistance of Skip Combs, a volunteer from the community.

"Music In the Park" continued this summer. It was a very popular event, with people from the community enjoying concerts covering different types of music, such as jazz, the blues and classics.

The Saturday Boeddeker Bike Club continues to be a fun and popular program, where the children learn about safety, bike maintenance and go on outings. Robert McDaniels, Recreation Director, is in charge of this program.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Monday through Friday, August 1st through 5th: Sea Camp, sponsored by the Farallones National Sanctuary Association, was attended by 14 children, supervised by Adela Baker, the Recreation Director.

Tuesday, August 2nd: National Night Out at the Yerba Buena Gardens. The SOMA Hip Hop Dancers performed and the Recreation staff conducted a face painting booth.

Saturday, August 13th: All Day Tournament – Indoor Girls Soccer.

Civic Center Complex
August has been a month of transition. The Park Section Supervisor is on a one year leave of absence, there are only 3 gardeners in the Complex (one of which is now the Acting Supervisor and a second is on Workmen's Comp.). Fortunately, last week, we were "loaned" a gardener, who has some work/physical restrictions, from the Mowing Crew.

Chinese Recreation Center
Friday, August 12th: "End of Summer Barbecue and Carnival". Conducted at the Chinese Recreation Center gym and courtyard. Carnival games were conducted with prizes for participating, raffle and door prizes and a trophy presentation for different activities were presented. A slide presentation of the youngsters participating in various activities was shown and all the youngsters received a CD to take home in remembrance of the summer. Over 160 participants, volunteers and guests attended.

Saturday, August 27th: S.F. Safe, S.F. Recreation and Park Department, S.F. Neighborhood Safety Partnership, S.F. Police Department and the S.F. Police Association hosted a community outreach event with safety information, community resources and a basketball game between the Chinese Recreation Center All Stars and the SFPD. Door prizes, flashlight keychains, T-shirts, and lunch were provided after the game. Police Chief Heather Fong addressed over 165 people who attended the event.

Chinese Playground
Saturday, August 6th: The 23rd Annual Wah Ying Club Youth Table Tennis tournament was conducted. Trophies were presented to the top 4 places in each age division of separate boys and girls groups. Lunch was also served to the participants. Over 75 participants and spectators were in attendance.

Saturday, August 13th: The Chinese Athletic Association held an adult volleyball tournament in preparation for the annual Labor Day National Tournament to be held in Toronto this year. Over 88 participants and 75 spectators were in attendance for this event.

Helen Wills Park
Monday, August 15th: A table tennis tournament was conducted for 10 to 12 year olds. Awards consisted of paddles and balls. There were 12 participants and 30 spectators.

Wednesday, August 17th: The Helen Wills Girls Softball Team played the Helen Wills Boys Baseball Team at the Moscone Recreation Center. This has been a Helen Wills tradition and everyone always has a good time.

Friday, August 19th: The Girls Softball Team took the City Championship by defeating Sunset Recreation Center by a score of 10-3. 20 girls participated on this team. CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe DiMaggio Playground/North Beach Clubhouse
Wednesday, August 10th: An "End of Summer" pizza party was held, with 20 boys and girls attending. T-shirts were given to the youth.

Friday, August 19th: The teens from the cooking class made linguine with red clam sauce and garlic bread for all the regular participants to celebrate the end of summer. 27 youth attended and they ran out of sauce and pasta.

Portsmouth Square
Saturday, August 6th: Annual Community Clean Team Event. John Miller, Acting Park Section Supervisor, led a group of volunteers, picking up litter and weeding.

Monday, August 8th: Chinatown Senior Health Day Fair. Conducted by CCHP, SF Recreation and Park Department and CCDC. The program included presentations on various topics, including "Medicare Part D", Dental Care. Screening and Health Resources, and health screenings for dental, blood pressure and cholesterol. Over 250 seniors participated.

Community Workshops conducted every Tuesday this month were:
Tuesday, August 2nd: "Medicare Part D". Catherine Lewis, from the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program spoke about the new rules regarding the 2005 Drug Discount Program, new changes to Medicare in 2005 and Medicare beneficiaries with Part D.

Tuesday, August 9th: "In-Home Supportive Services". Peggy Liao, from IHSS Public Authority, discussed what is the in-home supportive service program, what services are provided through this program, who is eligible and how is eligibility and need for IHSS determined. 70 seniors were in attendance.

Tuesday, August 16th: "Para Transit". Jen from ATG SF Para Transit explained transportation for group shopping, protective individual escorting to clinics, banks, appointments and who is qualified for free transportation services. Over 80 people attended.

Tuesday, August 23rd: "Citizenship and Naturalization Program". Angel Yuen from Self Help for the Elderly discussed who is qualified to become a citizen of the United States, what the benefits are of becoming a citizen, and what citizenship and naturalization programs provide. Over 75 seniors attended.

Tuesday, August 30th: "Elder Abuse and Alzheimer's". Jessie Li from Self Help for the Elderly discussed various types of abuse towards elders, what to do about it and how to deal with Alzheimer's. 65 seniors attended.

Woh Hei Yuen
Wednesdays, August 3rd & 10th: In-house chess and checkers tournaments were conducted for youth, ages 15 years and under. 15 youth competed in the checkers tournament and 17 youth competed in the chess tournament. There were at least 20 spectators at each event. Refreshments were served following each event.

Huntington Park
Wednesdays, August 10th & 17th: Crew projects. Weeded, dug out blackberries, spread chips on grisillinea hedges and began I.P.M. measures with a goal of not using pesticides in North Beach Complex parks.

Washington Square
Tuesday, August 30th: Outdoor Movie Event.

Alta Plaza
Thursday, August 18th: Crew Project. Hedging.

Lafayette Park
Continued planting in the lower meadow and the steps at Gough and Clay Streets, in preparation for the NPC Gala, scheduled for October of this year.

Moscone Recreation Center
Paul McGloin, Gardener, led a group of Mormon Elders volunteers on park maintenance projects.

Richmond Library
Thursday, August 4th: Crew Project. Reduced Pittosporum to approximately 15' at the front entrance, pruned Myoporum at the 9th Avenue garden, removed dead wood, hedged Laurel on the front walkway and homeless encampment clean-up.

Mountain Lake Park
Saturday, August 6th: "One Brick" and Friends of Mountain Lake Park Volunteer Party. Cleaned playground, prepared native display garden for an upcoming mulching project, removed all non-natives and loaded trucks with debris. 20 volunteers.

Tuesday, August 30th: Volunteer Party with HSBC group on Lakeside clean-up. Removed non-native plants around the Lake, mulched 25 yards of redwood fir, cleaned the playground, weeded the front flower beds, cleaned the beach of vegetation, picked up litter on 15 acres, cleaned paths and stairs and cleaned and removed garbage from bushes along the water. 71 volunteers, 4 RPD staff and 4 Presidio Trust staff.

Holocaust Memorial @ the Palace of The Legion of Honor
Thursday, August 11th: Crew Project. Pruned Ceonothus, string trimmed tall grasses, cleaned pathways, removed non-natives from garden and hauled debris.

Palace of The Legion of Honor
Saturday, August 13th: Legion Volunteers with RPD gardeners. Weeded and cultivated annual beds, cleaned walkways and service roads, weeded northside perennials and picked up litter of the perimeter.

Anza Library
Thursday, August 18th: Crew Project. Cleaned tree wells, removed dangerous leaning Leptospepmum, pruned Myoporum, hedged border shrubs and hauled debris.

Athletics
Adult Softball

- Spring Championships were held with16 games finally ending the season July 14th
- Adult Summer Season in progress with 291 teams and 5800 adults participating.
- Summer Girls Softball League began at the end of July and continuing into August with Helen Wills Playground winning as Intermediate Champions and Glen Park Playground winning as Midget Champions.

Youth Athletics

- June held the San Francisco Youth Baseball League Playoffs and Championships. The Junior Giants rosters are in with the schedules made and equipment delivered to 6 sites.
- July saw the Junior Giants baseball season begin with 65 teams.

- SFYBL sponsored all-star teams finished their participation in various invitational tournaments throughout Northern California.
- Junior Giants teams participated in festivals/tournaments in San Mateo and Ukiah.
- A successful 2005 Junior Giants season culminated w/ athletes, coaches and parents attending Junior Giants week festivities @ SBC Park.

Women's Athletics

- June saw Women's Volleyball Playoffs and Championships.

Kezar Stadium

June

- SF Nighthawks Women's Semi-Pro Soccer (2) dates
- United Youth Soccer (1) date
- DC Renegades Men's Football (3) dates
- Bay Area Scores Youth Soccer (1) date
- Cathedral School for Boys Field Day (1) date
- SF Open Track Meet (1) date
- Gaelic Athletic Association (1) date

July

- Men's Semi-Pro Football Norcal Finals and 1st round state playoffs (Golden State Amateur Football Conference) 250 Attendance
- International club soccer (Club team from El Salvador vs. Club team from Guatemala) 2500 Attendance
- SF Nighthawks Women's Semi-Pro soccer, 200 Attendance
- SF 49ers Family Fest, Attendance 2300
- Women's Semi Pro Football (SF Stingrayz) 150 Attendance

August

- Stingrayz: Women's semi-pro football, 1 date, 35 in attendance
- DC Renegades: Men's football,1 date, 100 in attendance
- Mission Youth Soccer League Championships, 150 participants

Kezar Pavilion

June

- Athletic Day Camp daily 8 AM- 3 PM
- SF Pro City Basketball (Men's) M-TH, 8 PM Starts, (14) dates
- SF Pro City Basketball (Women's) Sat. 10, 12, 2 Starts, (2) dates
- USF High School Basketball tournament (2) dates
- Women's Volleyball Playoffs (3) dates
- Drop-in Volleyball (2) dates

July

- USF high school basketball tournament, 40 attendance
- Pro City Basketball 22 dates, 500-1000 attendance
- Athletic Day Camp M-F 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM
- Hosted a one-week volleyball camp for the Day Camp Division.

August

- Pro City Men's and Women's Playoffs and Championships, over 4000 in attendance.
- American Youth Circus Organization had 3 dates with 2000 in attendance.
- Midnight Basketball premiered on Friday nights for the male, 18-25 year-old age group, averaging 80 per night.

Boxer Stadium

June

- San Francisco Soccer Football League (1) date
- Gaelic Athletic Association (6) dates

July

- Gaelic Athletic Association 14 dates, 20- 200 attendance
- Hosted a one-week soccer camp for the Day Camp Division

- Deportivos Alaves soccer practice (Premiere League 1st division team from Spain) 40 attendance

August

- Gaelic Athletic Association: 4 dates including playoffs and championships, 800 in attendance
- La Fratenidad Soccer Championships, 1 date, 800 in attendance
- Papy Soccer Championships, 1 date, 500 in attendance

Tennis

June

- SFRP Youth Tennis League has started play. There are eight teams with 125 participants.
- Completed USTA NorCal program grant for $1500.00 to fund SFRP Youth Tennis League expenses.
- Completed Summer youth/adult tennis lesson schedules (available on parks.sfgov.org).
- Completed 2006 USTA sanction applications for SF Jr. Open, SF NTRP and SF City Open.
- Sent out information on upcoming SF Jr. Open and Jr. Novice tennis tournaments.

July

- Completed administrative tasks for upcoming SF Jr. Open scheduled for Aug. 1-Aug. 5.
- Still accepting entries for SF Jr. Novice scheduled for Aug. 3-Aug. 5. We expect nearly 200 participants for both tournaments.
- SFRP Youth Tennis League playoffs are scheduled for July 28. Over 100 children participated in this program.
- Received $1000.00 for USTA program grant to cover costs of t-shirts, awards and balls for SFRP Youth Tennis League.
- In the process of scheduling USTA Adult Combo league teams at GGPTC.
- Still deciding where to locate in calendar year a new USTA sanctioned novice tennis tournament. Deadline is 7/31.
- High schools are now submitting requests for team practice on SFRP neighborhood tennis courts.

August

- 104th SF Jr. Open Tennis Tournament-155 participants
- SFRP Summer Youth Novice Tennis Tournament-70 participants
- 104th San Francisco City Championships-200 participants
- SFRP Summer Youth Tennis League-110 participants (Cal Club, 1st place)

Randall Museum

- **Exhibits:**

Endless Energy Exhibit: June 4 – Oct.22 - **21,000 visitors**
A lobby exhibit designed to educate visitors about the importance to the environment of choosing renewable energy sources instead of burning fossil fuels. The exhibit a revolutionary wind turbine designed specifically for urban or high population density environments and photovoltaic panels to generate electricity. **This is the first AEROTURBINE on the West Coast, and the only functioning turbine of any kind in San Francisco.** The exhibit features an interactive city model that allows visitors to turn their neighborhood "GREEN" by using wind or solar energy. The exhibit opened on **World Environment Day, Saturday June 4th.**

Theater Performances:

Teen Musical Theater July 28 - Aug 7 / **8 performances, 1,600 visitors**
The Young Peoples Teen Musical Theater Company performed the Stephen Sondheim musical **"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum"** and an original musical revue titled **"The British Invasion"**. Performers were all high-school students under the direction of Diane Price.

Cine Club – Film Camp August 23 – **85 participants**

An all day introductory program featuring classic films for teenage audiences at the Randall Museum. Ronald Chase, media critic for KALW and curator of this program selects the films and leads discussions. This event kicked off the new season for this school year.

SF Natural History Series: 3 presentations, 125 visitors
Presentations by expert naturalists: Featured topics included: **Amphibians& Reptiles of the SF Peninsula, Nature in the City,** and **Conservation Outlook on Treasure Island.**

Public Events:

Sun and Wind Day: June 4th, **650 visitors**
The Randall celebrated World Environment Day and the opening of the Endless Energy exhibit with a family day featuring many hands-on crafts activities, games, and exhibits.

Astronomy Day & Night: August 27th, **700 visitors**
The Randall hosted an international 90th birthday party celebration for Bay Area astronomy celebrity **John Dobson. Mr. Dobson was the inventor of a revolutionary teleseope for amateur astronomers. Mayor Newsom proelaimed Aug.27th as John Dobson Day** in San Francisco.
Astronomy Day & Night: The event featured many activities for children and adults, and a day long series of presentations in the auditorium. In addition the event featured an evening **star party** and an **inflatable planetarium**.

Other Programs:

Art and Seience Summer Camps: June/August **260 eampers.**
The Randall continued its very popular summer day camps featuring twelve different subject and activity groups of twenty campers in addition to a week long overnight camping trip to **Camp Mather.**

Corona Heights Bird Survey:
In collaboration with the Golden Gate Audubon Chapter, the Randall staff has initiated a bird survey for Corona Heights to determine what impact if any there may be from the installation of a new wind turbine. So **over 100 species of birds in three months** have been identified, and no incidents of damage to birds have been observed.

Exeellenee Awards:
This summer the Randall has received recognition from three different Bay Area organizations for excellent programs and exhibits:

SF BAY GUARDIAN: **"Best Plaee for Arts and Crafts with Kids"**

BAY AREA PARENT MAGAZINE: **"Best of the Best Award" for the live animal exhibit.**

SAN FRANCISCO BEAUTIFUL: **"SF Beautifieation Award" for the new landseaping and teaehing gardens with the addition of the Aeroturbine exhibit.**

Special Services
2005 Day Camp Program was almost filled to capacity as the variety of programs increased this year. The new location for Pac Art proved to be quite successful. All staff related well to the campers.

The Golden Gate Senior Center had its longtime Director, Mary Nemetz retire after many years of service to the City. A trip to Thunder Valley for the first time was very successful.

The two trips to Camp Mather with the City Wide Senior Program again were very well attended as well as creative in its programming for all the campers.

After interviewing over 400 youngsters, the Workreation program was very successful this summer as reports from the field and Day Camp staff were very positive.

Once again, the Project Insight Program was outstanding in its diverse programming. The deaf and visually impaired youngsters highlight was a river rafting trip to the American River.

Assignment Desk
Hired 40 3280 As Needed Assistant Recreation Directors to help staff Day Camps, Latchkey and Daily Sub requests.

Distributed over 2600 theme park tickets (Great America, Marine World, Raging Waters, Santa Cruz and WaterWorld) to all Assistant Recreation Supervisors for distribution to the their various recreation facilities. Ticket monies were returned to the Assignment Desk, recorded on a tracking sheet and deposited with Accounting.

Latchkey: Under the direction of the Program Coordinator, the Latchkey program enrolled 582 children at 16 sites for summer 2005. Visitacion Valley P/G hosted a "Summer Luau" on August 17th from 12 noon to 6pm with 40 children and 15 parents in attendance. Activities included games, raffle, luau, food, dances and a visit from staff of the Mayor's Office. Richmond P/G and Douglass P/G got together for a "sister site play-date" featuring various games and activities.

Turf Management
Candlestick Park
Prepared playing field for 49er Football Season.
Hosted home games on Aug. 13 and Aug. 16.

Polo Field
Upgraded irrigation system (by adding 25 quick-couple valves during the June-July closure).
The athletic field has deteriorated, due in part to two unprecedented occurrences: (1) inadequate water pressure/flow for the irrigation system, and (2) for the first time ever, flocks of dozens and dozens of ravens have pecked at and torn up hundreds and hundreds of divots on the athletic field (Phil Rossi at IPM is investigating possible remedies).

Mobile Turf Crew
In addition to on-going work at various athletic fields and turf areas, the crew performed significant turf repairs/installations:

(1) Buchanan Mall – On June 1, installed 5500 sq. ft. of sod to complete the renovation of the northern-most block.
(2) Potrero Hill Playground – in early August, renovated the entire infield.

Steve Castile has been hired as a permanent Park Section Supervisor to fill the vacancy created in February by the retirement of Ken Hoppe.

Mowing Crew
Many mowing "cuts" around the City have been missed due to on-going staffing deficiencies. The problem has improved somewhat through the case-by-case use of overtime to make up the missed cuts.
Kezar Stadium
Hosted dozens of soccer matches and football games.
Hosted the San Francisco 49ers for a Field Day in July.

Aquatics
Summer Learn to Swim Lessons*
Over 500 children participated in the learn to swim program which teaches the youth of San Francisco how to swim. Mostly, these lessons are taught by youth who participate on our swim teams or who were themselves in the learn to swim lessons at one time. They are

supervised, and guided by an experienced Water Safety Instructor.

Learn to Swim Showcase*
Over 150 children and parents participated in our 2nd annual Learn to Swim showcase where the learn to swim participants demonstrate the skills they learned during the summer to their parents and the public.

Aquatic Boot camp*
In the first every SFRPD boot camp, all of our part-time and as-needed lifeguards participated an intensive two day training to re-fresh skills and develop teamwork. The program was well received by staff and supervisors and is already being prepared to be conducted twice a year.

Hamilton Pool*
Hamilton Pool brought over 30 learn to swim participants (advanced class) to an novice swim meet held at St.Ignatius in SF. All those who participated enjoyed the experience. Hamilton Pool's showing was strong.

Permits and Reservations
The Mime Troop at Glen Park, Joseph Alioto Piazza, Mission Dolores Park, Precita Park and Washington Square were a huge success. There were outdoor movie nights at Washington Square Park, Mission Dolores Park, Bernal Heights Playground, Precita Park and St. Mary's Playground, which were enjoyed by many participants.

June 2, 2005
Joseph Alioto
World Environment Day opening ceremony
Martha Cohen, Mayor's Office, 415-554-6487
*over 20,000 participants attended

June 4, 2005, 5:30 P to 11:00 P
Union Square
World Environment Dinner
Rita Barela, 415-651-1810
*Al Gore was the feature speaker

June 5, 2005
Joseph Alioto
World Environment Day closing ceremony
Martha Cohen, Mayor's Office, 415-554-6487

June 11, 2005, 9 AM to 1 PM
Sharon Meadow, GGP
2 mile walk
Emily Montgomery, Alpha Pregnancy, 415-584-6800

June 11, 2005
Joseph Alioto
Black & White Ball
Sarah Myers, Hartman Studios, 510-970-3214
*3,000 participants attended

June 11, 2005 (12 PM to 6 PM pre-race) June 12, 2005 (8 AM to 4 PM post-race)
Marina Green, GGP, Great Hwy
Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon
Terry Davis, Tri-CA Events, Inc. 831-373-0678

June 11-12, 2005
Douglass Playground Clubhouse
SF Night & Day Challenge
Feet First, David Levinger, 2066-652-2310
*1st time event

June 12, 2005, 5 AM to 2 PM
Sharon Meadow
Lymphoma 5K Walk
Stephanie Coolich, Lymphoma Research Foundation, 212-349-2910

June 18, 2005, 7 AM to 1 PM
Duboce Park
Juneteenth Parade
Dexter Woods, African American Art & Culture 415-931-2729

June 18-19, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM
McLaren Park
Friends of McLaren Park (FOMP) Festival
Tony Atkins, 415-738-8681
* 500 participants

June 18-19, 2005
Joseph Alioto Piazza
Filipino Fiesta
Dennis Broughton, 650-871-6647
* 5000 participants

June 25, 2005, 3PM to 8PM
Mission Dolores Park
Dyke March
Susan Levinkind, 510-383-9858
*2000 participants attended
*problems with clean up and complaints from the neighbors

June 25, 2005 (11AM to 6PM), June 26, 2005 (11AM to 7PM)
Joseph Alioto Piazza
34th Annual Gay Pride Parade/Festival
Joe Wagenhofer, 415-864-0831

July 2-4, 2005, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Mission Dolores
Mime Troop
Joan Johnstone, 415-285-1717
*1500 participants

July 9-10, 2005, 5:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Golden Gate Park, Marina Green, Ocean Beach Parking Lot, Lafayette Park
AVON Breast Cancer Walk
Samantha Petrie, 415-834-0404
* 2000 participants

July 16, 2005, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Mission Dolores Park
Animal First Aid Seminar
Ron Whitney, 415-701-9620
* 200 participants

July 16, 2005, 1 PM to 4 PM
Precita Park
Mime Troop
Jean Johnstone, 415-285-1717

July 17, 2005, 10AM to 1:30 PM
Golden Gate Park (Sharon Meadow for start/finish)
AIDS Walk
Erika Zlatkoff, 415-615-9255
*14000 participants

July 17, 2005, 11AM to 5PM
Japantown Peace Plaza
Summer Obon Festival
Richard Hashimoto, Japantown Merchant Assoc., 415-567-4573

Precita Park, 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Precita Park
Urban Youth Arts Festival
Susan Cervantes, Precita Eyes Mural Arts/Visitor Ctr, 415-285-2287

July 24, 2005, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Mission Dolores Park
SF Symphony
Tim Carless, 415-503-5201
* 8000 participants attended

July 29-30, 2005, 9 AM to 6 PM
Speedway Meadow in GGP
Tour de Fat Festival
Karen Kidwell, Bay Area Ridge Trail, 415-561-2595
* 1000 participants

July 29-31, 2005
Justin Herman Plaza
SF Marathon EXPO
Peter Nantell, West End Management, 415-291-9990 x 4
*8000 ran in the SF Marathon

July 30, 2005, 11 AM to 3 PM
El Parque de los Ninos Unidos
Health Rodeo Fair
Oscar Grande, PODER, 415-431-4210

July 30 (11AM to 9PM), July 31 (11AM to 6PM)
Washington Square
North Beach Jazz Festival
Alistar Monroe, Sunset Promotions, 415-971-5640
*1st time sound extended to 9 PM

August 6, 2005, 11AM to 5PM
Joseph Alioto
Blues Festival
Bobby Webb, 415-437-6616

August 6, 2005, 3 PM to 4:30 PM
Union Square
Kung Fu and Lion Dance Demonstration
Josephine Ma, Self Help for the Elderly, 415-982-9171 x 175

August 6, 2005, 10 AM to 3 PM
Alamo Square
Great Dogs in the Park CGC Testing
Matt Magana, D5DOG, 415-864-4794

August 6-7, 2005, 1PM to 3PM
Mission Dolores Park
Richard III Performance
Tiffany Holland, Women's Will, 510-594-7490

August 7, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM
McLaren Park
Concert
Franco Mancini/Tom Murphy, Friends of McLaren Park, 415-272-2012
* 700 participants

August 13, 2005, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Union Square
Indonesian Day
Christ F. Komari, 925-726-7279
* 1500 participants

August 13, 2005, 3 PM to 5PM
Japantown Peace Plaza
60th Anniversary Commemorating the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Rosalyn Tonai, National Jap Amer Historical Society, 415-921-5007

August 13-14, 2005, 1PM to 3PM
Mission Dolores Park
Richard III Performance
Tiffany Holland, Women's Will, 510-594-7490

August 14, 2005, 11 AM to 7 PM
Joseph Alioto
Pakistan Independence Day & Cultural Events
Inam Choudhary, 415-863-9636
* 3000 participants

August 14, 2005, 12:30 PM to 3 PM
Lincoln Park, Holocaust
Day of Remembrance
Lorraine Marshall, Jewish Relations Council, 415-957-155

August 14, 2005, 12 PM to 8 PM
Sharon Meadow, GGP
Festival of the Chariots
Jerry Macchia, 510-649-8619
* 2000 participants

August 14, 2005
Legion of Honor / Marina Green
Alcatraz Triathlon
David Horning, Envirosports, 415-868-1829

August 20, 2005, 10 AM to 2 PM
Precita Park
Animal First Aid Seminar
Ron Whitney, 415-701-9620

August 20, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM
La Raza Park
Sock It To Me Concert
Tony Imperial, NextArts, 415-282-7636
* 200-300 participants

August 20-21, 2005, 11 AM to 6 PM
Justin Herman Plaza
Psychic Fair
Miles Newcombe, Déjà vu Publishing, 510-848-2381 x 119

August 27, 2005, 9 AM to 5 PM
Lindley Meadow, GGP
Polynesian Festival
Julio Muao, United Territories of Polynesian Islanders Alliance, 916-451-1332

August 27-28, 2005
Speedway Meadow
Renaissance Faire
Bill Waters, 415-354-1773

August 27, 2005, 12 PM to 5 PM
Crocker Amazon
Skateboard contest / award ceremony
Emile Janicot, 105 Shotwell SF CA , no phone #

August 27, 2005, 8 AM to 3 PM
McLaren Park
Gravity Race Adventure
John Chan / Don McAllister, 949-399-5394

August 27, 2005
Excelsior Park
Health Fair
Charlie Sciammas, PODER, 415-431-4210

August 27, 2005, 10 AM to 3 PM
Milton Meyers Park
Fun Day for Children in Bayview
Hannah Perry, Shekinah Christian Fellowship, 415-646-0747

August 28, 2005, 12 PM to 4 PM
Corona Heights
Dog Event/Fundraiser
Elisa Baker, Social Restoration Club, 415-515-9999

September 3, 2005, 11 AM to 5 PM
Japantown Peace Plaza
Island Jam
Richard Hashimoto, Japantown Merchants, 415-567-4573

September 3 (12 P to 5 P) Sept 4 (8 AM to 3 PM), 2005
Justin Herman Plaza for Exp – will also go through Wash Sq/Marina/ Joseph Conrad / Union Square
SF Grand Prix Expo
Craig Mintzlaff, 303-926-9221
*3000 participants

Monster Park

- ESPN film shoot was held on June 10, 2005.
- Octagon Marketing (BMW) held a ride & drive on July 6-11, 2005.
- Auto Ed (VW Passett) held a ride & drive on July 11-15, 2005.
- A Filipino concert was held in the parking lot on July 23, 2005.
- Thomson Learning held a corporate event on the field on July 27, 2005.
- Lay Low Magazine held a low rider car show on July 31, 2005.
- The Cooking Camp ended on August 11th, 2005.
- The upper concourse waterproofing (Angotti & Reilly) project was completed on August 6, 2005.
- Two football games were held on August 13, 2005 and August 26, 2005.

Golf

HARDING/FLEMING

- Work continues to prepare course for AMEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF GOLF
- Sandy Tatum Clubhouse grand opening
- Potassium sulfate applied to entire course.
- All green collars spiked and topdressed
- All Pro tees spiked and topdressed
- Unidentified damage following Pro Biotic application healed. Course responded favorably to Pro Biotic application with great color and vigor.
- Organized Over Time projects continue, three projects completed in this time period, rough areas string trimmed and chipped, entire course divot bombed, cart paths edged, rough edges sprayed out.
- Lawn on West side of Clubhouse installed.

LINCOLN/ GOLDEN GATE

- Lincoln continues to function with a 33% reduction in its normal work force.
- All greens spiked, fed, and topdressed.
- Hedges trimmed along 34th & Clement and surrounding parking lot.
- Major bunker renovations begun at Golden Gate Golf. Bunker on #8 completed.
- PUC Water project begins along 7th and 6th fairways. Project is for duration of 400 days and includes construction of new pump station, new water tank and water supply to Legion of Honor.

SHARP PARK

- Sharp Park continues to function with a 33% reduction in its normal work force.
- Due to prolonged rainy season Sharp Park was able to irrigate with its own water supply up until June 30. Course went on North Coast Water District Water on July 1, 2005.

- San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District sprayed Laguna Salada and surrounds on June 22, July 12, August 2 and August 23.
- Rough areas mowed and raked up in June and July. Prolonged rainy season had kept the course wetter than normal and grass growth more vigorous throughout spring.
- Heavy fog in June and July lead to fungus attack on greens, greens spiked with solid times, top-dressed and treated with EM 1 repeatedly. Greens fed with blood meal and Pro Biotic and have recovered dramatically.

Marina/Yacht Harbor

June

- Quarterly newsletter and bills mailed to tenants
- Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- 13 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Transferred two berths
- Assigned four temporary berthers
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - YRA-WBRA Races
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - Madcap Regatta (STFYC vs NYYC)
  - Intraclub Regattas
  - Woodies Invitational

July

- Fee increase approved by Mayor Gavin Newsom and the Board of Supervisors
- Successful Fourth of July fireworks and celebration
- Brad Gross' unfortunate and untimely 'Tour de Sonoma' accident
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- 28 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Five temporary berthers assigned
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - 29er World Championships
  - RONSTAN Bay Challenge
  - Albert T. Simpson
  - Team Race PCC's

August

- Steve Parks met with Saint Francis Yacht Club regarding regattas
- Steve Parks and Parkman Lew met with Fleet Week 2005 coordinators (Steve Teatro & Chris Schuster)
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- Sent over 630 notifications to permanent tenants and month-to-month tenants regarding fee increase and new fees
- 14 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Transferred four berths
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - Aldo Alessio Regatta
  - SF Classic/UN Challenge
  - 470 World Championships
  - 18 Skiff International

Midnight Music, Photo Center, and Special Projects

The Midnight Music Program started the Guitar and Drums Lessons citywide. Nine Recreation Centers have been benefiting from these amazing programs. The classes are taught once a week at different sites.

July 7th, Special Projects once again coordinated the San Francisco Parks Trust Kids Day. Pat Wiley, Manuel Fernandez, and Diana Chin coordinated an event that hosted more than 1200 children from around the city. The children, directors and parents enjoyed a day full of music entertainment, activities, games, carnival and more. Organizations such as KQED Education Network, The Randall Museum, The Academy of Science, the S.F. Zoo and other participated.

On July 7th, "Elevator Love Letters", an all girl rock band from the Midnight Music Program, performed at the Kids Day at Sharon Meadows.

Musical Tiny Tots, held every Friday from 10:30 to 12:00 pm, is capturing the ears of all the Moms and baby sitters around the neighborhood. Children ages 1 and up come and enjoy an hour and a half of planned free play, games and musical instruments. There is a circle time in which parents and children get to sing and play little percussion instruments together. This class keeps increasing participants every week.

On July 19th, The Midnight Music Program and Midsummer Mozart hosted a Mozart workshop at the Harvey Milk Arts Building. Children from Mission Recreation Center, J.P. Murphy and Tenderloin Recreation Center attended the workshop. They learned about Mozart who he was and what he did. 33 children attended this workshop.

On July 20th and July 25th, The Midnight Music Program and Blue Blanket Improv offered free Improv comedy Workshops at Margaret Hayward Plgd. Sunnyside Plgd. Presidio Heights Plgd. and Gilman Recreation Center also attended these workshops. The children learned how to improve Drama Theater skills.

On July 22nd, Getting' Out There, a Midnight Music Program, and Midsummer Mozart brought children from Tenderloin and Mission Recreation Center to a Mozart concert at the Palace of Fine Arts for free.

On July 27th, "Elevator Love Letters" A midnight Music all girl rock band performed at Union Square for the Union Square Park Concert Series. Once again the girls were admired and congratulated for such a great performance.

Young People Theater Musical Company has been rehearsing really hard for their performance on July 28, 29, and 30 at the Randall Museum. Under the direction of Diane Price and the musical direction of Othello Jefferson and Sean Bart, these talented teens have been showing dedication and commitment for this act. The play is called British Invasions. Costumes, scenes and music; everything is ready for the show.

Capoeira for teens. Omulu Capoeira has extended its lessons an extra day to Wednesday afternoons this month due to a nice increase of participants wanting to learn Capoeira. Capoeira, directed by Master Preguica, is an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines martial arts, acrobatics and music.The extra class each week will be from 4 to 6pm every Wednesday serving at least 15 new members.

Rhythm and Motion held classes twice a day two times a week this month. It is well attended. This aerobic, dance, music class is a perfect fit to this drama, dance and music center. The energy this class brings is very high and normally it keeps not only the people who are participating dancing but everyone who is watching.

The new **Yoga** class is growing slowly. At the request of the Duboce neighborhood association Manuel has organized this class taught by a certified volunteer.

Photo Center

July 1 - 30 by Photo Center	"A View From The Bridge" - a photo documentary of the construction of the bay bridge photographer Joseph Blum.
July 5	Beginning of session 1 of the Summer Teen Photo 2005.
July 7	Opening reception for "A View From The Bridge" exhibit. One of the most well attended receptions to date with approximately 150 to 180 guests. Friends of the Park Day - the Photo Center provided a sungram table for the children.
July 9	"A Trek To Dolpo" - A scenic slide show exploring the edge of the Tibetan Plateau in Northwest Nepal.
July 14	Photo Salons - slide shows of, by and for our community Michael Rauner - the history of sacred architecture, spirituality and consciousness in California Victoria Heilwell - relationships and intimacy through the symbolic reinterpretation of stereotypes. Andrew Faulkner - thoughts on a train.
July 19	BAPC general meeting - Bay Area Photographer's Collective's general meeting for the public to view members work and generate possible interest for new members.
July 23	"Alaska's Inside Passage" - cruise the Inside Passage and see mountains, whales, eagles a and glaciers.

San Francisco Marina Project Update
9/6/05

In November 2004, the Dept. of Boating and Waterways (DBW) staff recommended approval of a $16.5M loan to renovate the West Harbor. The DBW Commission approved the staff recommendation and disbursement of funds over 3 to 5 years.The DBW Commission approved the first $1.5M in their 2005-2006 Fiscal year budget. In October 2005, the DBW Commission will consider approval of the next phase of funding, $3.7M, which is part of the approved $16.5M. Given that the City's Controllers offices does not allow RPD to certify a construction contract until we have all the funds available, the earliest we could start construction is 3 years from now (2008), and could be as late as 2010. If DBW's budget allows, they could also fund the balance of the loan in one year, which is not likely, but possible.

The East Harbor renovation is on a separate schedule, which anticipates starting construction after the West Harbor renovation is underway.

The fee increases approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2005 will fund on-going maintenance at the Marina. Before the City can begin to use the approved loan funds, the City must sign and agree to the terms of the DBW loan contract.

Once the loan documents are signed, there will be a separation of revenues generated by each harbor, east and west. West harbor revenues will go toward the build up of the fund balance to cover the upcoming debt service for the west harbor loans, as required by DBW. Payment for the west harbor loan will be made in accordance with a payment schedule to be outlined in the loan contract
One last item that also must be completed prior to receiving funds, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The draft EIR (DEIR) will be posted on the Marina website at www.sfmarina.org, and will be available to the public Sept. 6, 2005.

The draft DEIR covers both the east and west harbor and building improvements in anticipation of potential project funding for the east harbor from DBW also.

The east harbor is on the DBW's list for future projects, but no more information is available from DBW at this time.

Once revenues are separated, all funds generated in the east harbor will be pooled. Those funds will be earmarked for east harbor projects. Priority for those projects will be set based on need and budget.

The first project that must be completed prior to any other will be ADA access ramps. ADA laws require access be provided before additional upgrades be made. Once access improvements are complete, other improvements will follow such as replacement of 90+ damaged pilings, maintenance dredging, fire suppression upgrades, electrical upgrades and dock improvement will be considered and prioritized based on need and budget.

Katie Petrucione gave the Commission a report on the Golf Fund and an overview of the 2005-06 Fiscal Year Budget. Isabel Wade spoke of her concerns of the golf courses and the Golf Fund. Tom Weather with the Lincoln Golf Club addressed two points:1) the number of rounds have gone down and 2) that some sort of a year to year agreement be made with the operators of Lincoln and Sharp Park. Emeric Kalman asked questions about the Marina Fund and who approved the budget. Bill Wilson discussed the Sunnyside Park. He stated that volunteers had planted over 300 plants but now the hill was down to an inch because the plants weren't taken care of. He stated that it was not about gardeners not doing their job or about the volunteer office not coordinating – it is that the Department has too few people to do the job.

CONSENT CALENDAR
On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes from the July and August 2005 meetings.

RES. NO. 0509-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a road closure on John F. Kennedy Drive from 30th Avenue to Chain of Lakes Drive for the Strictly Blue Grass Concert from 6:00 a.m. on October 1, 2005 to 8:00 p.m. on October 2, 2005.

RES. NO. 0509-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Golden Gate Park Pedestrian Improvements Study.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Item number 4D was removed from the consent calendar.

Laura Chase stated her concerns that the Commission would not have the time to read the arborists report before making a decision on the disc golf course in Golden Gate Park. She also spoke of natural space and that Marx Meadow should be a shared space between disc golf and open space. Rich Abrahamsen spoke of his concerns with disc golf and stated that the Department had allowed the destruction of Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Chris Paquloag a gardener in Golden Gate Park spoke about the damage done to the trees and the number of people who no longer come to the park because they don't feel safe anymore.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the existing MOU between the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Disc Golf Club to extend the time period through October 31, 2005.

KORET FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S QUARTERS
Staff presented this item to the Commission. It is for discussion only. On September 16, 2004 the Commission rejected all bids received on June 23, 2004 doe to the bids exceeding the engineers' estimate. After value engineering, DPW re-bid the construction documents. Bids will be received on August 31, 2005. At that time, a list of bidders and their bids will be available for review. The HRC bid protest period will end on September 7, 2005. Barring a bid protest, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder will be determined at that time. Staff has determined that additional Proposition 12 funds are available to award this contract and that will be confirmed with the State prior to that time. The item will be coming to the Commission next month for an award of contract.

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
The 49ers are proposing to use a portion of Monster Park to create a space for a portable food, beverage, and merchandise area managed by Center Plate in some of the space that was formerly the Giants offices.

The estimated value of the capital improvements to the Permit Area is $200,000. The improvements include replacing walls, replacing the ceiling, electrical work, painting and carpeting.

Current fair market rent is $1.00 per square foot and may be adjusted annually as determined by the City's Real Estate Department. The rental fee is $100.00 per day for 24 days of use per football season for 3,000 square feet. Permittee will pay $250.00 per season for utilities. The Permittee will be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Permit.

In addition, an undetermined amount of incremental revenue will be received as part of the percentage rent received from food and beverage sales under the current Lease with the 49ers.

Highlighted terms of the proposed Agreement are:

- Term is September 15, 2005 upon approval and authorization of Permit by the Commission and shall be coterminous with the current Forty Niners Stadium Lease, provided that the Term of this Permit shall not extend beyond May 31, 2013.
- Permit Area is the space occupied by Rooms 428 (partial), 425, 426, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, and 434 of the Stadium.
- Rental fee is $100.00 per day for 24 days of use per football season.
- Permittee will pay $250.00 per season for utilities.
- Permittee shall be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Permit.

The Department will receive annual revenue in the amount of $2,400 and an estimated $200,000 in improvements to the Premises.

On motion of **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with San Francisco Forty Niners ("49ers") to allow 49ers to use a portion of Monster Park to create a space for Center Plate to set up a portable food, beverage and merchandise service area.

CAMP MATHER STORE
On February 19, 2004 the Recreation and Park Commission approved a two-year and seven-month Lease for Evergreen Destination Holdings, LLC to occupy and use the Camp Mather Store at Camp Mather. This included an option to extend the term by three years with city approval. All the current terms and conditions will remain in effect, including the annual 2 ½% increase in the rent through the three-year extension period.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a three-year extension to the current Lease with Evergreen Destination Holdings, LLC to occupy and use the Camp Mather Store at Camp Mather, California.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea O'Leary discussed enforcement policy of the dog policy. She stated that her concern was that everyone wanted out on the Dog Advisory Committee and that people are talking about sunsetting the committee. Sue Chang stated that she felt that the Department had been misleading in regard to the proposed harbor renovation, beginning with the design to funding of the pathways and parking lot design. She requested an appointment with Commissioners to discuss this further. She stated that she was in full support of a harbor renovation and would like a beautiful marina. There is a coalition called Save the Marina. Their mission is to preserve the character of the small craft harbor and to fight the commercialization. Alan Silverman also spoke about the marina harbor and stated that he felt there was a legal problem – specifically the commercialization of the harbor. Joan Girardot spoke about the harbor and her concerns with the project – she spoke on commercial boats in the harbor and felt this was going in the wrong direction. Bill Carlin spoke about the DAC and the failure to have a timed use policy. Emeric Kalman spoke of his concerns in regard to the harbor and he stated that he had asked the harbormaster for a list of the rules and regulations of the harbor.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

There were no Commissioners' matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

October 20, 2005

Commission President Gloria Bonilla called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
David Lee
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin

Absent
John Murray

DOCUMENTS DEPT.

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President Bonilla announced that item number 10 was removed from calendar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bonilla thanked her fellow commissioners and the staff for the wonderful job they did on the American Express Tournament. She then presented the following people certificates of retirement: Diane Price and Patrick Uriarte.

The General Manager accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Department in accordance with the gift policy:

- There was a contribution of $1,000.00 for the children's area fencing of South Park.
- There was a contribution of 56 tickets for the performances of 2005-06 Four Seasons Concert series in the amount of $1,560.00 for the Midnight Music Program.

Events of Last Month
Quadrant I

Park-wide—55 French Drains and 35 Sewer catch basins were inspected and 20 were cleaned out in preparation for the rainy season. Tools were tested, designed, customized, and purchased to improve this work process. Requested the Vac-con truck from DPW to clean out sewers. A detailed report was shared with several of the Maintenance shops. Park Section Supervisor Brian Pangan led this work and he leaves Golden Gate Park after ten years with the Job Training Program. Mr. Pangan will begin serving as Park Section Supervisor in McLaren Complex beginning October 8.

Services for the Park's indigent illegal campers improved this month. Paramedic Captain Niels Tangherlini assisted by Social Workers and the Police will be in the park 2 afternoons a month, offering services, referrals and medical intervention.

Golden Gate Park will receive 2 Gardeners from the 14 backfills approved for this quarter.

Section 1—Weeded and dead-headed Conservatory Valley in the beginning of the month and pulled the beds at the end of the month. The beds are planted out again in mid-October. Gardener improved the landscape design and placed some large rocks at West Conservatory meadow. Regular projects included edging and pruning. Sharon Meadow was busy with many successful events requiring Gardener and Supervisor facilitation. Several irrigation breaks caused "East End Shutdowns," stressing the plants. Challenges: Illegal campers and drug users generate large amounts of trash and present a safety risk to Gardeners. Alvord Lake is still dry, awaiting gate valve replacement or repair. Sharon Meadow has sinkholes from poor contractor work and the issue is apparently in litigation and unresolved. Panhandle drainage problems continue, partly resolved by Gardeners' strategies but dips in the asphalt path require a Capital project. Irrigation malfunctions are due to a broad spectrum of causes, many of which are beyond field horticultural staff's ability to correct. We are working on all fronts to make progress with these systems. One Gardener (Stanyan beat) is frequently absent due to Workers' Comp leaves, and his beat is covered by other Section Gardeners. A Gardener who retired in spring from the Little Rec area has not been replaced and another Gardener will retire this year from the Camellia Garden, the Horseshoe Pits and woodland at the Lodge/Stanyan/Lincoln area is also in decline due to Gardener shortage, so the crew will continue to stretch through these high profile gardens.

Section 2— General Section News: Concourse, deYoung, and Academy construction projects are progressing, gearing up for deYoung and garage opening in October. Contractors and subcontractors are busy trying to meet the opening deadline and show the world what San Francisco's art scene can be. Park staff engaged in numerous coordination meetings, trouble shooting ad field inspections.

The Japanese Tea Garden hosted a commercial filming that required planning meetings and used the garden for a full day's filming.

Entry and peripheral landscapes continue to improve through staff and volunteers efforts in order to put RPD's best face forward for the thousand of expected visitors. Registered volunteer Mark Tilley, a horticulture student, is helping two days a week at the Tea Garden as well as working on projects throughout the section. Gardeners reclaimed Fulton playground's landscape significantly and spread 12.5T of new high quality sand in the sand box. The Job Training Program continues to reclaim the 8th Ave. entrance. Heroes Grove and JFK frontage received a big boost from 75 Gap volunteers and staff from Sections 2 and 4. They who spread mulch, weeded, cleared overgrowth and pruned. The Rhodie Dell received another installment of volunteer energy this month, as did the Humanitarian Garden. Section Staff is grateful to the Turf Crew who restored the sod edge on Bowling Green Three prior to a tournament. The AIDS Grove received two infusions of volunteers this month: from Levi's and from their regular monthly work party. They cleared the north slope and prepared it for a major new planting.

While this renovation work is vital to the maintenance of the park, other areas meanwhile receive minimum staff care. The Shakespeare Garden is receiving care essentially once a week. The Rhodie Dell continues to show its frailty as more rhododendrons die from water failures and staff shortage. The PUC has a big project to replace a 30' main that will cut across the Rhododendron Dell in 2006. The plan is to restore at least part of the Dell after that.
Big Rec had a great summer and now is looking somewhat worn from heavy use and reduced staff hours as that gardener gets called off to other projects that are higher profile. The spreading thin of staff continues to have a negative impact on the park landscape.

Custodian staffing has been especially difficult, with one Custodian off work for over a month. Staff covered the shortage with much hard work and overtime.

Challenges: Three Gardeners retired in June and one retired last year. Another Gardener is still out on long term sick leave. None of these have been replaced, so staff shortage is severe. Retired Custodian (Simon Wong) needs to be replaced ASAP for upcoming Concourse maintenance. One of the new Gardener hires is intended for this Section.

Section 4—a landslide occurred on September 2 on the north slope of Stow Lake. Stow lake Drive East is closed. Department staff worked quickly on this high priority project and a geotech engineer and a contractor were on site by October 3 to repair the slope.

Rose Garden is still blooming. The regular volunteer group worked on cleaning, weeding and mulching at the Fulton /Crossover barrier plantings. Another volunteer worked with the Gardener to replant the roses on the east side of the JFK frontage.

13 Colonies Meadow/Rose Garden Green—Griswold irrigation controllers are not working well, they've needed surge protectors and new mother boards. Two out of the three are now working. Gardener is establishing new plantings, continuing with blackberry removal and Leptospermum pruning.

Strawberry Island- continued work along stairway sides and Huntington Falls: weeded difficult areas, installed new sprinkler and railings were painted. Drinking and abuse of the Chinese Pagoda by illegal campers has been reduced by increased coordination with Police.

Stow Lake/ MLK slope- Gardener is continuing with pruning, weeding and enlarging lawns around the lake. Replaced three damaged cherry trees. West of Tea Garden, MLK Redwood grove and MLK slope were improved with long term weed management strategies. Gardeners have been using thick mulch over cardboard as a biodegradable weed barrier and this has provided excellent results in many areas in the park. Volunteers "regulars" raked eucalyptus leaves and mulched under shrubs.

Doughboy Meadow—Gardener is busy with a large beat and with the invisible work of installing new, bigger valve boxes since the originals were too small to allow access to the bleeder valves.

Mothers' Meadow—Gardener returned from maternity leave and has been working on irrigation. Illegal campers' destructive activity has been a problem near the PG and staff plans to establish a horse path behind the playground so that mounted police can discourage inappropriate behavior.

Other work in the Section included pruning along horse paths, blackberry management, and day-lighting areas used for illegal camping.

Section 5—Lindley Meadow & Speedway Meadow-- on going irrigation repairs needed many hours of gardener time.

Crew prepared for Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in the three major meadows: pruning, trimming, edging, cleaning around all barbeque pits, and filling holes.

Rhododendron Island-intensive management continues for invasive weeds in lawn border & planting areas, including a Saturday volunteer group.

Bison Paddock: High weeds are scheduled to be mowed on 10-11-05.

Section 5 is short 4 gardeners, from retirements, so each gardener has stretched to cover beats that are 30-40 acres, much like the other Sections. This section will receive one of the 2 new Gardener hires.

There was general basic maintenance throughout section and many crew projects.

Section 6—this section gets the brunt of illegal dumping. Many hours of crew time are devoted to cleaning. Crew dealt with a fire on Whiskey Hill and also a burned-out car.

Gardeners worked on irrigation maintenance, pruning and weed management.
Bercut Equitation Ring-was detailed for a horse show.

Crew spread 12.5 tons of sand at the Blue Boat Playground.

Middle Lake-Gardener is working to rescue cherry trees that had been engulfed by vines and brambles, with help from IPM.

Lower Great Highway-crew on weekly projects thinned shrubs in a professional manner at Irving, at Moraga and on both sides of the Judah restroom. Gardeners were upset by the unauthorized stump cutting of trees and shrubs by others. Park staff does not agree with the notion that by clear-cutting vegetation the illegal campers and drug users will go away, many city parks have such abuse even though the visibility is excellent. The crew is shorthanded with only one regular gardener for the three miles of Lower Great Highway, and there is much acreage within the section that is under minimal control.

Horticultural Goals for the near future include a park-wide crew push to tidy up areas near the deYoung Museum for its grand opening, with the goal of attracting repeat visitors. Planning is ongoing for Fall/Winter turf renovations and drainage work is also on the agenda.

Winter training will focus on sustainability, wildlife management and on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, as a foundation for improved planning and performance.

Katie Petrucione, Director of Finance and Administration gave the Commission and update on the staffing levels of the Department. Bill Wilson, Chair of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee reported that the Committee adopted the following resolution: The Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee has determined the following lots provide valuable open space to the citizens of San Francisco; we therefore request the Recreation and Park Commission, the Department of Real Estate, the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Surplus Land Committee take the following properties off the surplus land list and transfer title to the Recreation and Park Department so they can be preserved as open space pursuant to 23A.6 of the Surplus City Property Ordinance unanimously approved by the Committee.

Location	Block Lot
1) Rutledge & Brewster	5548005
2) 840 Clipper & 26th Street	2850023
3) Bosworth & Burnside	6736033
4)La Grande & Mansfield	5963A001
5)Old Burnett Avenue Palo Alto & Glenbrook	2719B046

CONSENT CALENDAR
On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13752.

DONATION FROM:
Wildcare **1.0 Opossum** **NIL**
76 Albert Lane
San Rafael. CA 94915
USDA- N/A

DONATION TO:
Bohart Museum of Entomology 0.0.15 White eyed assassin bug NIL
Dept of Entomology
University of California
1 Shields Ave
Davis , CA 90619
USDA – N/A

GENERAL CALENDAR

EUREKA VALLEY RECREATION CENTER
Eureka Valley Recreation Center is located at 19th and Collingwood Streets. The renovation of the recreation building is nearing completion, and will be followed by the installation of a new dog play area and resurfacing of the tennis court under separate contract.

The Recreation and Park Department solicited competitive bids for the dog play area and tennis court period. Three bids were received on October 6, which ranged from $166,140 to $297,774. The average of the bids is $227,437, which is 90% of the staff's estimate at $252,556. Dryco Construction submitted the apparent lowest bid of $166, 140 and does not qualify for any bid discount.

Although Dryco specializes in court paving surfaces, Dryco will be the general contractor for the project. Dryco has contracted with the City on numerous court resurfacing projects tot he satisfaction of the City, including the completed projects at Laurel Hill Playground and Sunset Recreation Center. The Human Right Commission has reviewed and determined that Dryco is the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract to Dryco Construction in the amount of $166,140 to construct a dog play area and to resurface the tennis court.

24TH/YORK MINI PARK
The 24th/York Mini Park is located in the Mission district on 24th Street, between York and Bryant streets. In January 2005, the Commission approved a conceptual plan for this park which depicts a mythical snake wrapping around a spray water feature, a play area with rubber surfacing, abstract light forms, fencing and a colorful pathway embedded with recycled glass.

Two competitive bids were received through the Department of Public Works. Base bids received were $735,640 and $852,005. The average of the bids is $793,823, which exceeded the DPW engineer's estimate of $460,552. The significant difference in cost is attributed to the custom-design park elements, increasing construction costs, and a low-competitive bidding environment. Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc. submitted the apparent low bid of $735,640.

Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc., a general contracting firm located in Danville recently completed the Garfield Square play area renovation project to the satisfaction of the City. The Human Rights Commission has reviewed and determined that Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc. is the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award to a contract to Cleary Brothers Landscape, Inc. in the amount of $735,640 for base bid improvements to renovate 24th/York Mini Park.

ARGONNE CLUBHOUSE

The Recreation and Park Department, solicited construction bids for the renovation of Argonne Playground and Clubhouse on August 3, 2005. Only one bid was received with a base bid with deductive alternates of $2,413,676 from Esquival Grading and Paving, Inc. resulting in 38% increase over the Consultants' estimate of $1,744,000. In August, the Commission rejected the bid and authorized the general Manger, per Administrative Code Section 6.23c, to proceed with a negotiated process. As a result of these negotiations we have received a bid from an apparent responsive contractor, Rose Construction of $1,941,303. The overall impact, reduces the original bid significantly by $472,373 and is an 11% increase to the base estimate.

Argonne Playground, nestled into a residential area of the Richmond District, spans a full city block between 18th and 19th Avenues. Since its dedication in 1926, it has served the neighborhood children as a vital playground, evolving with each time period. It consists of a 1,000 square foot clubhouse, built in 1952, and open asphalt sports area for basketball, volleyball and tennis, and a children's playground and seating area, developed in 1983. Many years have passed since a major renovation; the site and building have degraded and no longer meet current safety and accessibility standards nor do they meet current program needs.

The proposed project includes the removal and replacement of the clubhouse with a 1,700 square foot building which will be comprised of a community room at the core, flanked by a reading room, director's office, kitchen, storage and restrooms. It also entails a reorganization of activities to better accommodate simultaneous park use of tennis, basketball and children's play as well as adding a multi-purpose lawn area to increase greenery and enhance the overall park experience.

Lara Whitter with Friends of Argonne Playground stated that the park was in a degraded state and urged the Commission to approve this.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award the construction contract for Argonne Clubhouse and Playground Renovation Project to Rose Construction in the amount of $1,941,303.

FAY PARK

The San Francisco Administrative code Sections 6.22 (H)(1) and 6.22 (H)(2) state that construction contract price modifications and time extensions exceeding 10% of the base contract and duration require the approval of the awarding department's Commission.

A construction contract in the amount of $616,369 was awarded by the Recreation and Park Commission in April 2005 to general contractor Valentine, Inc. The Notice to Proceed was given on July 28, 2005 with a substantial completion date of December 24, 2005.

Higher costs are incurred to this contract because of: 1) unanticipated failing substructure for three decks, due to professional reviews stating otherwise prior to construction and 2) upholding the standards for historic preservation.

Construction is currently 25% complete. The additional funds are requested due to the following unforeseen costs.

Items	
Base Contract:	$616,369
Approved Changes Order (1) to Date	9,045
Potential Change Orders (4-Exposure)	59,338
Augment Construction Contingency to 18%	50,000
	$728,006

Penelope Clark a volunteer at the park asked that the Commission approve this item. Lucretia Rauh with Friends of Fay Park spoke in support of this item and asked the Commission to approve it.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve exceeding the Fay Park Renovation Project base contract amount by 18%, to a maximum price of $728,006 with no impact on contract schedule of 150 calendar day.

VICTORIA MANALO DRAVES PARK

The Department of Public Works has solicited construction bids for the Victoria Manalo Draves Park project. A total of five bids were received on September 2,1 2005. The base bid scope of work includes demolition, hazardous materials abatement, grading, drainage, paving, planting, irrigation, chain link fencing, ornamental fencing, and play equipment installation. The scope of work does not include bathrooms.

The park program seeks to maximize lawn and plantings and minimize hardscape. The program identified for the park includes children's and toddler's play equipment, informal play fields, a softball field, a picnic area, and a basketball court. Fencing surrounds the park to secure the park at night. Night lighting lines the primary park paths. Rubberized matting is used in play areas. The park contains a small community garden.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract for construction of Victoria Manalo Draves Park to Bauman Landscape/ McGuire Hester in the amount of $2,472,500 for the base bid plus alternates A2, A3, A4, A5, A6 and A7.

PINE LAKE AND PINE LAKE MEADOW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DPW solicited construction bids for the Pine Lake and Pine Lake Meadow Improvement Project. Bids were received on August 17, 2005. At that time, three bids were received and all bids exceeded the engineer's estimate of $3,153,754 and the announced construction budget of $3,125,000.

At the time of the bid, Cleary Brothers Landscape Inc. was the apparent low bidder, but was deemed non-responsive due to not meeting HRC contract requirements. Cleary Brothers Landscape Inc. provided a base bid of $3,512,000, which exceeded the engineer's estimate by $358,246.

Gordon N. Ball, Inc. provided the second lowest bid at a base bid of $4,410,000, which exceeded the engineer's estimate by $1,256,246. While Gordon N. Ball's bid meets HRC requirements, it significantly exceeds the construction budget.

Upon the Commission's approval, staff will initiate formal rejection of bids through the Department of Public Works. Construction documents will be repackaged and re-bid.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids received on August 17, 2005, for the construction contract for Pine Lake and Pine Lake Meadow, due to bids exceeding the engineer's estimate.

JOSEPH L. ALIOTO PERFORMING ARTS PIAZZA

Flock, a surreal figure made of intermingled vines of twisted metal rods, stretches skyward to a height of 45 feet. This stunningly ambitious work features a subtle morphological transformation from plat to animal shapes about two thirds of the way up from the ground, gradually articulating a mythical creature perched at the work's crown. After nightfall, the sculpture is lit from beneath with an ethereal blue light. The work's title, as explained by the Michael Christian, reflects the following thought: "Flock, despite its names

was a sculpture of a single creature that appeared to be wandering about as if separated from a herd of similar creatures and seeking a return to its 'flock'. As people come to check it out, they tend to 'flock' around the sculpture as they view it from various angles and distances.

Bill Wilson asked if this was going to be graffiti encouraged like the project at the Hayes Green.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request by Black Rock Arts Foundation to place "Flock" by Michael Christian, an art installation, on the northeast lawn at Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza from mid November of 2005 to mid February of 2006 contingent upon the sign off from the City Risk Manager, maintenance staff sign off on the engineer's documentation and with the permit amended to include a $500 encroachment fee.

GOLDEN GATE PARK

The Guardsmen have requested to hold the "2006 Guardsmen Cup Race, San Francisco Vintage Grand Prix", a vintage automobile event in Golden Gate Park September 30, 2006. They have requested the following road closures on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: JFK from Transverse to Bernice Rodgers Drive. Chain of Lakes to Middle Drive West, MLK to Bernice Rodgers Drive, MLK from Chain of Lakes to Middle Drive West, Transverse Drive from JFK to MLK, MLK West to Crossover Drive, 25th Avenue MLK (from Lincoln), Sunset Blvd to MLK, 41st Avenue to MLK (from Lincoln), 36th Avenue to JFK (Fulton Street) and 30th Avenue to JFK (Fulton Street).

They will be recreating the 1951-1953 Guardsmen Cup Race. This is a free event and open to the public. Participant fees and corporate sponsors will defray all expenses. Local charities will receive net proceeds from the event. The race will begin on JFK Drive near Lindley Meadow and proceed west to Chain of Lakes, south onto MLK Drive and north onto Transverse Drive and finish by proceeding west on JFK to the Start/Finish line near 30th Avenue and JFK.

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request by the Guardsmen to hold the "2006 Guardsmen Cup Race, San Francisco Vintage Grand Prix", a vintage automobile event in Golden Gate Park September 30, 2006. They have requested the following road closures on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: JFK from Transverse to Bernice Rodgers Drive. Chain of Lakes to Middle Drive West, MLK to Bernice Rodgers Drive, MLK from Chain of Lakes to Middle Drive West, Transverse Drive from JFK to MLK, MLK West to Crossover Drive, 25th Avenue MLK (from Lincoln), Sunset Blvd to MLK, 41st Avenue to MLK (from Lincoln), 36th Avenue to JFK (Fulton Street) and 30th Avenue to JFK (Fulton Street) contingent upon a determination by the City Risk Manager.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The next four items were heard as one but voted on separately. San Francisco voters authorized a $116,690,000 contribution toward the reconstruction of the California Academy of Sciences, which consists of the proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to a $29,245,000 bond measure approved by the voters in 1995 for the improvement of the Aquarium facility and a $87,445,000 bond measure approved in 2000 for improvements of the Academy facilities. In August of 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved reconstruction and renovations, the demolition of 11 existing buildings totaling approximately 311,400 gross square feet, the substantial renovation of one building, African Hall, and an overall increase in floor space and a consolidation of exhibit spaces, resulting in a reduction in the overall footprint of the Academy's facilities. The $293 million budget for the project also includes design and construction of entirely new exhibits for the museum and a $12 million increase in the California Academy of Science's endowment from private funds.

The Recreation and Park Department through DPW solicited construction bids from pre-qualified trade contractors for the following trades: 1) Ceramic & Quarry Tile, 2) Flashing, Sheetmetal & Louvers, 3) Epoxy Wall & Floor Coatings, 4) Doors, Frames & Hardware, 5) Underground Utilities and 6) Painting.

The Recreation and Park Department, through DPW also solicited construction bids from pre-qualified trade contractors for the following trades listed: 1) Laboratory Casework, Fume Hoods & Fixtures, 2) Acoustical Ceiling & Wall Panels, 3) Miscellaneous Glazing, 4) Insulation and Firestopping, 5) Hardscape & Miscellaneous Site Concrete, and 6) Gypsum Drywall/Lath & Plaster/GFRG/Cementitious Fireproofing. In some instances DPW did not receive any bids or the bids receive were determined to be non-responsive. For these reasons, these packages will not be bid privately and funded privately by the Academy of Sciences.

The Recreation and Park Department through DPW also solicited bids form pre-qualified trade contractors for the following trades: 1) Coiling doors, 2) Landscape & Living Roof, 3) Concrete Reinforcing, 4) Shotcrete, 5) Metal Decking and 6) Miscellaneous Iron. The bids received were determined to be non-responsive for various reasons. DPW in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, the Academy of Sciences and HRC resolved the technical bid errors and protests allowing the Commission to award the contracts to the lowest bidders.

In addition, on August 25, 2005 DPW received two bids which exceeded the City's budget for the Aquarium Life Support Systems and two bids which exceeded the City's budget for the Structural Steel. On September 28, 2005, DPW re-bid these packages. Staff is recommending an award of contract to Monterrey Mechanical in the amount of $16,265,000 for the construction of Aquarium Life Support Systems and an award of contract to SME Steel Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $7,887,100 for construction of the Structural Steel trade package.

After the Commission awards the Trade Contracts, the California Academy of Sciences intends to pre-authorize their general contractor, Webcor Builders, to direct the successful bidders to begin work performed prior to the certification of the trade contracts. The City intends to certify the trade contracts with funds available from the recent sale of bonds from the 2000 Academy Facility Improvement general obligation bond and the 1995 bond for the improvement of the Aquarium facility. Once the funds are certified, there will be valid trade contractors between the City and the trade contractor. The General Manager will then novate the trade contracts to the Academy of Sciences, who will in turn novate them to Webcor. The City expects to reimburse the Academy of Sciences for construction payments made to the successful bidders prior to the certification of the trade contracts.

After both of these novations, the City and the Academy of Sciences will be third-party beneficiaries of the trade contracts. Following these novations, the trade contractors will be responsible to Webcor and neither the Academy of Sciences nor the City shall have liability to the trade contractors.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award the following seven trade contracts for the construction of the California Academy of Sciences:

Package No.	Trade	Contractor	Amount
6366A-19	Ceramic Tile	D&J Tile Co. Inc	$687,648
6366A-20	Flashing, Sheetmetal & Louvers	Valley Sheet Metal	$444,950
6366A-21	Epoxy Wall & Floor Coatings	Tera-Light	$ 515,251
6366A-25	Doors Frames & Hardware	ISEC, Inc.	$1,680,496
6366A-26	Underground Utilities	A & B Construction	$672,270
6366A-30	Painting	Jerry Thompson & Sons	$ 2,778,762

On motion by **Commissioner Martin** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids for the following six trade contracts; the Academy intends to bid and award these contracts using private funds:

Package No.	Trade
6366A-13	Laboratory Casework, Fume Hoods & Fixtures
6366A-18	Acoustical Ceiling & Wall Panels
6366A-23	Miscellaneous Glazing
6366A-27	Insulation and Firestopping
6366A-29	Hardscape and Miscellaneous Site Concrete
6366A-33	Gypsum Drywall/Lath & Plaster/GFRG/Cementitious Fireproofing

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission does reject all bids, pursuant to Administration Code Section 6.23(C) and to authorize the General Manager to proceed in the most expeditious manner to award the following six trade contracts:

Package No.	Trade
6366A-16	Coiling Doors
6366A-32	Landscaping & Living Roof
6366A-34	Concrete Reinforcing
6366A-35	Shotcrete
6366A-37	Metal Decking
6366A-38	Miscellaneous Iron

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a contract for construction of the Aquarium Life Support Systems to Monterrey Mechanical in the amount of $16,265,000 and does award a contract for construction of the Structural Steel trade package to SME Steel Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $7,887,100.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – DISC GOLF

In May of 2004, the Commission instructed staff to develop a pilot disc golf course in Golden Gate Park for a trial period of 18 months. This trial period officially started in September 2003 and has been in continuous operation since that date. This trial period was intended to test whether or not the Department should remove the course or continue with the program on a permanent basis.

Since the opening, it has continuously attracted large and growing numbers of park users. First-time novices and advanced players alike use the course individually, as families, throughout daylight hours, except during extremely inclement weather. While the majority of players are San Francisco residents, the course also attracts people from the greater Bay Area as well. It should be noted that homeless encampments and weekend youth parties plagued the area prior to the establishment of the course.

During this trial period, the disc golf course has provided a unique program within the park system that has attracted a new and large group of residents that are now using the facility. In addition to the high level of use the course is experiencing, there has been a continuous stream of support for the course in the form of e-mails, postcards and phone calls. To date, RPD has received approximately 1,400 signed postcards, approximately 900 e-mails and large volume of phone calls asking that the course in Golden Gate Park be made permanent and expanded to a full 18 holes. Also, the San Francisco Disc Golf Club has worked closely with hundreds of SFUSD school kids and teachers who have expressed their desire for a course in San Francisco.

In contrast to the copious messages of support, RPD has received numerous letters, phone call and e-mails opposing the course in Golden Gate Park. The issues that have been raised as concerns include the following: inappropriate use of park space, conflicts with other park uses, safety, damage to trees and shrubs and verbal abuse by course users. In addition to the complaints received by community members, there are specific concerns raised by RPD field staff that include, tree damage, erosion and conflict of use with other park activities. These issues were raised at a previous Commission meeting at which time staff was requested to solicit the opinion of a third party arborist to evaluate these concerns and report back on the current course conditions. Staff updated the Commission on the arborist report.

Staff then discussed the costs, steps and transition that will be required to expand the disc golf course to a permanent, 18-hole facility in Golden Gate Park and to install a new facility in McLaren Park. The Club has committed to working in partnership with the Department to make either course a success, although it has stated to the Department a very strong preference from keeping the course in Golden Gate Park. With proper planning between the Club and the Department, the Department believes that it is possible to have a disc golf course that is successful and compatible with the goals of increasing recreational opportunities and protecting the natural beauty of the parks. This achievement can be met at a minimal cost, but will require a commitment by both parties. The Department has found the Club to be very responsive to concerns that have been raised and eager to devise workable solutions. The Club also has a very active volunteer base that has kept the current course clear of trash.

Chris Paquloag a gardener in Golden Gate Park discussed the concerns he has heard from people who no longer feel comfortable walking through the area, showed pictures of trees that were damaged by the disc golf and stated that no one had the right to damage the trees. Joan Vellutini a gardener in Golden Gate Park stated that she was opposed to the disc golf course being located in the park and explained her concerns including damage that had been done, no gardening staff invited to attend the walk through the outside arborist and the community surrounding the park. She stated that the disc golf course should be moved to McLaren Park. Ross Hammond with the Club stated that there was a huge outpouring of support but people were unable to attend the meeting today. He spoke about the history of the club, working with the school district, working with the Department, and their committment to making this work including raising the money and doing the maintenance. Elaine and Steven Sosa also spoke in support of the course in Golden Gate Park. She stated that for many people Golden Gate Park is their backyard and where they go for recreation. She stated that it is a focused activity, it instills concepts of teamwork and camaraderie and it is family oriented. Gabriel Zapata spoke in support of the disc golf course. He said that he like to play disc golf with his dad and his friends because it is fun and it is better than going camping. David Zapata stated that the Club was trying to get people from all walks of life involved in a sport – and not just the sport but the maintenance of the course also. Greg Quiroga stated that he had the honor and privilege of being a founder and that he has worked to get the Club to this point. He stated that over 60,000 people go through the course and wanted to take those steps to mitigate and problems that might arise. Orion Sylvester explained that his main roll with the club as a maintenance director for the course. He stated that once they were told of the damage, their first action was to come up with measures to protect the trees. Jeffery Bowling spoke on behalf of the 50 plus supporters in the audience and stated that they supported the course in Golden Gate Park and would like to see this item approved. Andrea O'Leary complimented the Club for stepping up and raising money for the maintenance of the course.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the use of the Marx Meadow area for the installation of an 18-hole disc golf course in Golden Gate Park and the site recommended at McLaren Park for an 18-hole golf course provided that SFDGC follows all Department regulations and implements and maintains recommended course improvements and landscape protections. In addition the Commission requests staff to provide the Commission in 12 months an implementation report and the Commission reserves the right to remove any such facility if significant damage to the environment results from such use.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea O'Leary spoke to the Commission on the final draft of the Recreation and Park Good Neighbor and Enforcement Policy for the Dog Policy.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission adjourned into closed session at 4:46 p.m.
The Commission reconvened into open session at 4:59 p.m.

On motion by **Commissioner Levitan** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0510-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission elects not to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12 (a)).

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Lazarus requested that the General Manager's Report include criminal activity on Park Property.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison

Gavin Newsom, Mayor

Recreation and Park Commission
Minutes

November 17, 2005

President Gloria Bonilla called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 2:07 p.m.

It was announced that item number 9 would be heard after the Consent Calendar.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
David Lee
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin
John Murray

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 4D was removed from the consent calendar to be heard in January.

Georgia Shuttish spoke against item 4E, listing her concerns and requesting that that this item be removed from the consent calendar. Andrea O'Leary stated that she did not believe the Commission had been fully informed at the Operations Committee and requested that it be taken off calendar and brought back to committee. Jeff Wilkens thanked the Commission for removing item 4D and stated that the Kezar Advisory Committee would be having a meeting to receive additional information on this item.

Commissioner Murray noted that item 4E was heard at the Operations Committee and that the committee forwarded this item to the consent calendar for Phase I only. Phase II will be eligible for consideration by the Commission when a viable dog play area partnership is in place and has a signed MOU.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes from the September and October 2005 meetings. **RES. NO. 0511-001**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572. **RES. NO. 0511-002**

DONATION FROM:

Robin Price 2371 Ross Road Palo Alto, CA 94302 USDA- N/A	0.0.1 Pacu	NIL

PURCHASE FROM:

Dennis' Pets 3853 Main Oakley, CA 94561 USDA – N/A	0.7 Budgerigar	$19.47 each $136.29 Total
Dallas World Aquarium 1801 N. Griffin St. Dallas, TX 752-150302 USDA - #74-C-0392	1.0 Scarlet macaw	$1200.00
Penny Hamers 4080 Parkhill Road Santa Margarita, CA 93453	0.4 Nigerian dwarf goat	$100.00 each $400.00 Total

RESOLVED, That this Commission does rescind Resolution No. 0508-004, August 18, 2005, awarding a contract to Control Air North, Inc. for $15,740,000, for the mechanical work on the California Academy of Sciences; and does award a contract to Control Air North in the amount of $16,339,000, for the mechanical work on the California Academy of Sciences. These actions are required due to incorrect information that was forwarded to Department staff. **RES. NO. 0511-003**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Revised Conceptual Design for the Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center Phase I. **RES. NO. 0511-004**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Conceptual Design of the Rossi Playground Renovation. **RES. NO. 0511-005**

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of contract to Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, Inc. in the amount of $193,456.66 for the base bid and $19,848.29 for Alternate 1C for a total of $213,304.95 for the installation of the prefabricated restroom and ADA path of travel and curb ramps in the Golden Gate Park Panhandle. **RES. NO. 0511-006**

GENERAL CALENDAR

ALTA PLAZA PARK

The Friends of Alta Plaza Park was formed in 2002 to enable neighborhood families to become involved in the renovation of Alta Plaza Park. The Friends initially spearheaded an effort to redesign the playground and partnered with the Recreation and Park Department to undergo a public process for work. The Friends have developed a three phase program: Phase I – tennis/sport court renovation, Phase II - playground renovation and Phase III – horticulture master plan. The total cost for Phases I and II is approximately $2.3 million which includes $827,500 of RPD funds covering the costs for playground design, as well as the construction of an accessible pathway into the park and the renovation of the bathrooms. The Friends raised the remaining $1.4 million in private funds needed to complete the project through Phase II through the support of over 235 families in the neighborhood, various foundation grants, as well as a California Integrated Waste Management Board grant for using recycled tires in the playground surfacing.

The Recreation and Park Commission previously approved the Conceptual Design for playground improvements on November 21, 2002; recommended acceptance of a gift-in-place valued up to $985,000 from the friends on June 17, 2004; approved the MOU and agreement between the Friends and RPD on August 19, 2004.

Jerald Lowenstein stated that his was thrilled when he heard the neighborhood was going to renovate the park and that he strongly supported this item. Rebecca Green with the Friends of Alta Plaza spoke in support of this item. She stated that Friends had an excellent public/private partnership with the City and thanked the general manager. She also stated that the results were important - from fundraising and community engagement to changes that have already occurred in the park. Ms. Green asked that the Commission approve the item today so that they may not only honor their major donor, who provided more than fifty percent of the costs of the playground and has provided leadership over the last two years, but also display the donor names at the playground. Nick Robbins spoke briefly on the history of the fundraising and asked that the Commission approve this item.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the name of the playground within Alta Plaza Park "The Friedman Family Children's Playground" or "The 2006 Alta Plaza Park Playground, made possible by the generosity of Elise and Tully Friedman", and to allow the Friends of Alta Plaza to display donor names at the playground.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, **Commissioner Bonilla** presented a Certificate of Retirement to Joyce Dowling. On behalf of the Commission, **Commissioner Murray** thanked the staff who renovated the Harding Park Golf Course, complimented them on the excellent work and presented them with a memento of the tournament. **Patrick Macaulay** thanked staff, Yomi Agunbiade for his support and thanked the Commission. **Commissioner Bonilla** announced that **Commissioner Martin** was re-appointed to the Commission for another term.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Quadrant 1
St. Mary's
Field Renovation (aerated, seeded, top dressed and fertilized athletic Field w/400 lbs of seed mix, 50 cu yards of soil, 300 lbs of fertilizer); ball diamond maintenance; upkeep of mobile beats; Irrigation maintenance and repair; string trimming, hedge trimming; organize storage areas.

Holly
Facilitated construction work on restrooms (extensive trimming to allow access to the back of the bldg.); weeded shrub and flower beds; string trimming (fence lines, bed borders, etc.); ball diamond maintenance; upkeep of mobile beat; facilitated "Hands On Bay Area" work day for 25+ volunteers.

Glen Park
Ball diamond maintenance, string trimming of side areas and annual abatement areas; irrigation maintenance and repairs; field renovation (aerated, seeded, top-dressed and fertilized athletic Field w/400 lbs of seed mix, 50 cu yards of soil, and 300 lbs of fertilizer).

Bernal Recreation Fairmount Plaza and Mini Parks
No regular assigned Custodial or Gardening staff. Other gardeners from the Complex are covering as best they can. Regular (weekly) visits to handle garbage/dumping. Weeding, string trimming, hedge trimming.

Additional Assignments
During the month of October Complex Supervisor was involved with Irrigation Strike Team, Gardener Interviews and filling in as Acting Asst. Superintendent.
Also coordinated special work crews at Dolores Park.

Bernal Heights
12 Teens from the Bernal Heights neighborhood participated in the FNF teen dance.
14 Teens participated in Friday Night Fun outing to "Fright Night" at Six Flags.

Hayes Valley Playground
One of three sites that worked to provide safe Halloween activities to the children in the Hayes Valley neighborhood. 68 children participated.
23 youth represented Hayes Valley in 5th and 6th grade PAL Basketball League
10 youth participated in a 13 and under Flag Football League.

Upper Noe Recreation Center
70 Children participated in a Halloween Party
40 Girls participating in Volleyball Program created by staff

Douglass Playground
12 children are representing Douglass Playground in Flag Football League
8 Girls representing Douglass on a Volleyball Team

Glen Park Recreation Center
10 Children participated in a Tiny Tots Party
35 Children participated in a Latch Key Party
20 Children are representing Glen Park in PAL Basketball League

Additional Duties
The Recreation Supervisor graciously assumed responsibility for Glen Park Recreation Center on a transitional basis due to current supervisor receiving a special administrative assignment.

Mission Satellite

Mission Playground
Hosted annual Haunted Playground. 120 people attended.

St. Mary's
14 seniors participated in an outing to Cache Creek Casino.
16 Children participated in Pee Wee Sports Class
26 Girls played in a "girls only" baseball game against a girl's team from Australia.
50 children and their care-givers participated in the Halloween Celebration

Jose Coronado Playground
38 Children participated in the Halloween party
160 soccer players participated in the Jose Coronado soccer club.

Grattan
Community Clean up Day was very successful. 30 Volunteers.

Walter Haas Playground
Reopened after renovation

Upper Noe
Clean up day with community.

Buena Vista Park
Monthly work day with volunteers

Hamilton
Field Renovation Complete
Lang
Special crews assigned to work on perimeter of park.

Jefferson
30 Volunteers assisted in a special park clean up day.

Hayes Green
New Addition to Western Addition Complex

KidPower Park
First volunteer workday was held

Alioto Mini Park
First volunteer workday was held

Additional Assignments
The two Mission Complex gardeners organized work crews to assist in special maintenance in the Western Addition Complex.

Quadrant Challenges
Staffing levels continue to be a challenge especially in each of the complexes and satellites.

Golden Gate Park
All GGP crews rallied to spruce up the understaffed landscapes around the Concourse as preparation for the deYoung Museum's Grand Opening. Each Golden Gate Park Section Supervisor was assigned an area, a scope of work and a flexible timeline within a given week and each given discretion for managing the job. This worked out quite well as the supervisors juggled their own work plans and their staff to support Section Two. The park appeared improved and presentable for the 50,718 visitors. Park Section Supervisor Steven Cismowski worked long hours assisting at the opening, problem solving and managing many aspects of Concourse work. Safety is improving in that gardening staff continue to enhance trails that can be used by the mounted Police. Park Section Supervisors also served on the selection panels for new Gardener hires. Golden Gate Park will receive 2 Gardeners from the 14 backfills approved for this quarter. Many members of the Golden Gate Park gardening staff also served at Harding Golf Course leading up to the tournament.

Section 1
Gardening crew tilled, graded and amended Conservatory Valley beds. Beds were planted with showy bulbs and annuals and will be completed in early November. Gardener Steve Gersich added 200 perennials to his new design near the Conservatory restrooms. Fifty one gallon perennials were planted on the Arguello entrance and 30 Fuchsias in the Dell. October special events went well. Regular projects included seeding Panhandle lawns, edging and pruning. Challenges: irrigation breaks at Sharon Meadow and the playground picnic area are awaiting difficult repairs. Illegal camping with its safety risks from the substance abuse culture place heavy pressure on the landscape and the Gardeners. Alvord Lake is still dry, awaiting gate valve replacement or repair. Sharon Meadow has deteriorating sinkholes from poor contractor work but the issue is apparently in litigation and unresolved. Panhandle drainage problems due to dips in the asphalt path require a Capital project. Staff is working on all fronts to maintain a problematic irrigation system. One Gardener (Stanyan beat) has been absent due to Workers' Comp, and his beat was lightly covered by others. A Gardener who retired in spring from the Little Rec. beat has not been replaced and another Gardener will retire this year from the Camellia Garden. The Horseshoe Pits and oak woodland at the Lodge/Stanyan/Lincoln area is also in decline due to long term Gardener shortage, but the crew continues to stretch. Section One crew also worked in Section Two, edging and clearing along Fulton from 8th Ave. to Park Presidio.

Section 2
General Section News: Concourse, deYoung, and Academy construction projects progressed and Park staff engaged in frequent coordination meetings, field inspections, consultations and troubleshooting. Staff was busy working to meet the deYoung Museum and garage opening deadline, assisting and managing the grand opening as well as gardening to show the park to best advantage. The Rhododendron Dell, though frail due to a lack of a beat Gardener was significantly improved this month at least near the entrance,

which was redefined with a new edge treatment. Staff worked effectively to till and grade, and completed a turf hydro-seeding project totaling about 4,000 sq.' Staff continues to assist the PUC with planning for a new 30" main that will cut across the park. The Training Program continues to reclaim the 8th Ave. entrance. The Shakespeare Garden is receiving minimal care. The spreading thin of staff continues to have a negative impact on the park landscape. Section Two lost 4 Gardeners to retirement in little over a year and has another two still off on very long term sick leave. The Concourse Custodian retired some time ago and has not been replaced. One of the new Gardener hires is intended for this Section.

Section 4
The Stow Lake north slope landslide that occurred on September 2 has been repaired. The restored slope was hydro seeded with Rye and legumes and Park Section Supervisor Andy Stone followed up with 200 one inch plugs of quail bush, Atriplex lentiformis. Department staff worked quickly and effectively on this high priority project and a geotech engineer and a contractor were on site by October 3. (See Attached)

Rose Garden--received an "Award of Excellence" from the American Rose Association and was still in late bloom. The east side of its JFK entry was expanded and replanted. Staff plans to improve the Fulton Street entrance and is preparing beds for over 100 donated bare root roses that are expected to arrive from Star Roses in December. Regan's Nursery in Freemont also donated 40-5 gallon roses which will be interspersed in the existing beds as the Gardener, Qin Wang, culls the less performing roses.

13 Colonies Meadow/Rose Garden Meadow—Griswold irrigation controllers and low water pressure continue to be a challenge. Gardener continued with Himalayan blackberry removal and Leptospermum pruning. Illegal camper pressure in this area has declined.

Pioneer Log Cabin, Chinese Pagoda, Strawberry Island—Gardener worked on path from Log Cabin to Stow Lake also continued weeding around the pagoda. Painting was completed at Huntington Falls railings.

Stow Lake/MLK slope- Gardener Rob Wiele worked with 60 volunteers from Lick-Wilmerding H.S., continuing with weeding and path work around the lake. Volunteers spread 4 loads of mulch under Dawn Redwoods adjacent to the Japanese Tea Garden. Gardeners have been using thick mulch over cardboard as a biodegradable weed barrier and this has provided excellent results. Staff also planted 20 1-gallon Quail bush on MLK slope.

Rainbow Falls/Doughboy Meadow/Fulton from 25th to Crossover—Gardener is busy with a large beat and with the invisible work of maintaining the automatic irrigation system; a big leak was fixed and 2 new, bigger valve boxes were ordered since the originals were too small for access to the bleeder valves.

Mothers' Meadow/Crossover Drive to Stow Lake—Gardener Michele Manning's perennial planting work is beginning to mature and hummingbirds have been abundant. She is working with a Woodside High School student volunteer around Mothers' meadow and planning for a children's garden.

19th Ave. to 25th Ave. /Lincoln Way—Gardener continued trimming frontage, edging and working on the irrigation system. There is considerable illegal camping and the Job Training Program workers give frequent support.
Cedar Alley/Elk Glen Lake/picnic area west of Stow Lake—are showing consistent horticultural maintenance and steady improvement.

Mallard Lake and Picnic Grounds to 30th and Lincoln—Reliable maintenance has the picnic grounds looking good. Gardener continued work on Lincoln frontage. Staff will be examining meadow edges with an eye to planting for improved bird habitat.

Section 5
Crew lent an extra hand and expertise to Section 2 for the hydro-seeding projects as well as their share on the park-wide spruce up around the Music Concourse.
Lindley Meadow--gardeners continued to replace and repair irrigation heads.

Speedway Meadow--crew prepared for the Chet Helms Festival: pruning, trimming, edging, cleaning around all barbecue pits, and filling holes, and assisting event personnel.

Rhododendron Island-Crew continues intensive management for invasive weeds in lawn border & shrub areas on this recent installation.

Bison Paddock--high weeds were mowed on 10/11/05 and crew followed up by overseeding with pasture mix. Three irrigation heads in paddock were repaired and grade restored.

Spreckels Lake--crew tilled, graded and hydro-seeded along north side of lake.

There was general basic maintenance throughout section and many crew projects.

Staff led a large corporate volunteer project with 65 participants pruning and weeding JFK/Anglers' Lodge/GGP stables area on Oct.28.

Section 5 is short 4 gardeners, due to retirements, so each gardener has stretched to cover beats that are now 30-40 acres, much like the other Sections. This section will receive one of the new Gardener hires.

Section 6
Entire crew worked on planting The Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden this month for the winter/spring display. Gardeners prepped, fertilized and planted 239 flats of annuals and 6,200 tulip bulbs. They also sheared the boxwood and Pittosporum hedges throughout the garden.

Section 6 gets the brunt of illegal dumping and sexual cruising. Many hours talented gardener time are devoted to cleaning. Gardeners also bucked and hauled a deadfall, worked on irrigation/sprinkler maintenance, started to adjust the irrigation schedule for winter, pruned and thinned an area west of Lincoln Playground to discourage campers and others, and worked on weed management in several areas.

Lower Great Highway-Gardeners worked with two groups of volunteers and hauled out 15 loads of brush. The crew is shorthanded, and there is only one regular gardener for the three miles of Lower Great Highway.

Golden Gate Park Horticultural Goals for the near future include Fall/Winter turf renovations, drainage and winter storm cleanup work, and many winter planting projects.

Winter training will focus on sustainable design, wildlife enhancement and on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan as a foundation for improved planning and performance.

Moscone Recreation Center
Thursday, October 27th: Community Halloween Party.

Monday, October 31st: Tiny Tots participated in the Marina District Merchants' Annual Halloween Costume Parade and "Trick-or-Treat" event.

Marina Green
Saturday, October 8th & 9th: Fleet Week Celebration. Large crowds, post-event clean-up.

LaFayette Park
Saturday, October 8th: Volunteer Workday.
Tuesday, October 11th: Neighborhood Parks Council Gala. Very successful. Over $20,000 raised on the auction, alone.

Monday, October 17th: Volunteer group from Stuart Hall High School, numbering 25 students and 4 adults assisted with park maintenance projects.

Palace of Fine Arts
30 volunteers from the Exploratorium helped clean-up on the street and hedge the escallonia.

Broadway West Mini
Planted palms in the northwest corner of the park.

Tenderloin Children's Playground
Saturday, October 1st: Tenderloin Community Health Fair. Over 50 booths from out Healthcare Community providing information to families and children concerning nutrition, hygiene, dental, pre-natal care, diabetes, cancers, HIV/AIDS, drugs and the many types of medical services that are available to the low-income. Other types of service organizations came from the Vietnamese Youth Center who planning to create a support group for young Asian girls (14 – 17 yrs.) and Tarctalk which represents disenfranchised homeless residents. The children and families were also treated to free bag lunches and special arts and crafts projects.

Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th: "Street Theatre Festival", produced by the 509 Cultural/Luggage Store. The festival featured gigantic puppets, trapeze and other circus acts, music, spoken word improvisational theatre and free workshops in performance and community activism. Young teens and members of the Girls Club from the Tenderloin Children's Playground performed 3 dances that they created to Hip Hop music. Everyone had a great time at this annual event.

Saturday, October 15th: Eight high school seniors had the opportunity to visit the University of California Berkeley campus. Dan Yee, one of the Recreation Directors at the Tenderloin Children's Playground arranged the tour with the university's advisors and counselors. The teens are at the stage where they have decided to attend college but not really understanding their options, due to financial concerns. Other excursions to San Jose State University and the College Of Notre Dame de Namur will be scheduled in the near future.

Friday, October 28th: Annual Halloween Carnival and Party. Over 300 children and teens participated in the Playground's tenth annual Halloween event. The party was packed with activities, ranging from carnival games with prizes, pumpkin carving, pie-eating, face-painting, arts and crafts, donut and sack relays, costume contest, piñatas and two huge outdoor jumpers. Each child received a bag of treats and a free meal of hot dogs, chips and drink. Special thanks to S.F. Hilton Tower Hotel, Tenderloin Task Force and Dr. Don and his college students from Notre Dame de Namur. The Recreation Staff planned for over 4 months for this successful event.

Boeddeker Park
The use of the computer is increasing, especially among the senior citizen population in the Tenderloin. Many have set up e-mail accounts and utilizing the facility daily.Collaborative programs with the Christian Academy and the Family Cross Culture Center continue, with arts and crafts and physical education programs.

Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center
Tuesday, October 4th: SFRPD/PAL Youth Basketball League begins play. The Center hosted games on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th.

Chinese Recreation Center
Friday, October 7th: The championship game for the 18 & under Youth Basketball League was held. The team representing Upper Noe Recreation Center won the Western Conference and the team from Mission Recreation Center won the Eastern Conference. T-shirts were awarded to the members of the winning teams. Over 45 participants and over 100 spectators.
Thursday, October 27th: Annual Community Halloween Party. Activities included a Haunted House, coloring contest, carnival games and guessing games. In addition to the children from the Chinese Recreation Center, youngsters from Jean Parker School, St. Mary's School, Gordon Lau School and Woh Hei Yuen enjoyed the fun. The teens from Chinese Recreation Center and Woh Hei Yuen assisted with the

Haunted House, conducting the games and handing out prizes. The teachers from the participating schools assisted with, and helped judged the coloring contest. Over 250 youngsters participated.

Chinese Playground
Saturday, October 15th: The annual Double Ten Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by the Chinese Athletic Association was conducted, with seven teams entered. Over 80 participants and approximately 150 spectators enjoyed the competition.

Friday, October 28th: Children's After School Halloween Party. Teens assisted with the games, prizes and refreshments. Sixteen children attended.

Helen Wills Park
Friday, October 28th: Over 40 youngsters attended the community Halloween Party. Activities included games, ping pong and music. The teens made finger food as part of the refreshments offered.

Monday, October 31st: The Tiny Tot Play Group and friends celebrated Halloween with a pumpkin patch, arts and crafts, treats and a potluck luncheon. All 30 ghosts and monsters had a great time.

Joe DiMaggio Playground/North Beach Clubhouse
Friday, October 28th: For the Toddlers Halloween Party, 20 youngsters came in costumes, accompanied by their parents. They sang, decorated miniature pumpkins and enjoyed snacks while listening to "live" music. Three of the fathers brought their instruments and played for the children. It was truly a special treat! In the afternoon, over 40 children attended the Halloween Party, which included games, prizes and treats.

Portsmouth Square
Community Workshops
Tuesday, October 4th: Cancelled. At the last minute, the guest speaker was not able to attend.

Tuesday, October 11th: "Common Illnesses Associated With Aging". Dr. Powie Fong, from the Chinatown Community Healthcare Association discussed the common illnesses associated with seniors in the Chinese community, the causes and prevention. Over 70 seniors attended.

Tuesday, October 18th: "Consumer Fraud Targeting Seniors". Mr. Sean Do, from the District Attorney's Office discussed how to recognize financial exploitation of elders and how to avoid fraud, scams and undue influence by others. 84 seniors attended.

Tuesday, October 25th: Annual Halloween Party in-lieu of workshop. Activities included art and various games with prizes. Individual photos were taken, with a "witch" or "Batman". The participants enjoyed lunch and special treats. As with past special events, recreation staff from Chinese Recreation Center and Woh Hei Yuen assisted. Over 105 seniors participated.

Woh Hei Yuen
Thursday, October 27th: Richard Chow, Recreation Director, escorted over 40 children and teenagers to Chinese Recreation Center's Community Halloween Party.

Monday, October 31st: The annual community Halloween Party was conducted, with over 33 children participating and 12 teens assisting. Activities included a coloring contest, games and prizes. The youngsters also enjoyed refreshments and treats.
Palace of the Legion of Honor
Saturday, October 8th: Volunteer Work Party. 25 volunteers worked with SFRPD staff. The group planted 40 flats of Dianthus, pruned "spent" perennials, cleaned service roads and did general clean-up.

Richmond Police Station and Muriel Leff Mini Park
Thursday, October 20th: Crew project. String-trimmed hardscape, removed "spent" perennials, replanted the front walkway and pruned the shrubs to improve visibility at the entrances and exits of the Police Station.

Park Presidio Boulevard
Saturday, October 22nd: "Clean Team" Volunteer Workday. The group planted approximately 1500 "Memorial" Daffodil bulbs, cleaned and picked up litter from 14 blocks of Park Presidio Blvd. They also restored a plot that was planted in 2001, removed blackberries, cleared dead or dying trees and shrubs from the interiors of the blocks, loaded and hauled organic debris and cleared the bridal path along Funston Avenue.

Public Information Office
The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and General Manager Yomi Agunbiade hope the fall season is "leaving" you rested and relaxed for the upcoming holiday season. Here are some upcoming programs and events that are sure to re-energize you before the frenzy.

Join Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Recreation and Parks for a re-dedication event at the landmark Lombard Reservoir, at 11 a.m., on November 5. The reservoir, George Sterling Park and the Alice Marble Tennis Courts were all part of a recently completed renovation project. The site is located in the Russian Hill area, on Greenwich and Hyde streets. For more information, please call (415) 831-2782.

Also on Saturday, November 5, at Richmond Recreation Center, the Department's Athletic Division will host its 2005 Boys and Girls Table Tennis Tournament, for youths, ages 10-17. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. For more information, please call (415) 831-6317.

On Sunday, November 6, at 1 p.m., join Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Friends of Walter Haas Playground and Recreation and Parks for a celebration event marking the completion of recent improvements to the park. Enjoy a brief ceremony, light refreshments and music by the R&B/rockabilly band Sugar Cookie. For more information, please call (415) 831-2782.

Also on Sunday, November 6, from 2-4 p.m., join Recreation and Parks for its annual Volunteer and Staff Recognition Event, at the Bridge Theatre, 3010 Geary Boulevard. RSVP by calling (415) 753-7274. Leave your name, phone number and the park where you volunteer. This event will also feature a showing of the film "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill."

On Tuesday, November 8, Shift, a special nutrition and fitness program for teenage girls, kicks off at the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building (50 Scott Street). This 12-week program stresses the importance of exercising, eating right and gaining confidence. Also, through the Department's Midnight Music Program, members will also be enrolled in weekly Ethnic Jazz dance classes. For more information, please call (415) 218-1474, or visit www.power2shift.com.

Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, is the Sharon Art Studio's registration day for winter classes. The Art Studio offers a wide variety of youth and adult classes in ceramics, glass, jewelry, drawing and watercolor. Class fees range from $45 to $150. For more information, please call (415) 753-7004, or visit www.sharonartstudio.org.

Also on Saturday, November 19, roll up your sleeves for the District 4 Community Clean Team event. Help beautify your local parks and other city resources. This event will kick off at Stern Grove at 9 a.m. Use the Vale Avenue entrance. For more information, please call (415) 552-9201, or visit www.sfcleancity.com.

Meet Scott Reese
It's only been three weeks since Scott Reese joined the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department as its new Superintendent of Neighborhood Services and already he's shedding a few tears.

No, the job hasn't taken a toll on him quite yet.

Reese, a veteran of 35 years of public service in city and special district park and recreation organizations in Chicago, Portland, Los Angeles and, most recently, San Jose, is a man who takes his job personally. He can't help but get a little emotional when thinking about some of the special projects and people he's worked with over the years. The camaraderie that develops when coworkers are faced with a common challenge is something Reese hopes is cultivated here.

"I've met some really impressive people here in the past couple of weeks," he said. "San Francisco has some of the most well-known parks in the world and together we have an awesome responsibility to build stewardship of these sites. Parks like Coit Tower, Golden Gate Park, Union Square and all of our neighborhood parks present an incredible opportunity for all of us."

Reese, 57, will oversee the day-to-day operations of playgrounds, recreation centers, neighborhood parks and squares and will also handle duties related to the Department's off-leash dog policy and the Dog Advisory Committee.

He is enthusiastic about working directly on programming and operational issues with staff in the field and engaging the community at the neighborhood level. His love of parks and recreation and real-world understanding of neighborhood parks stems from his personal experience behind a lawn mower, from the top of a guard stand and on the playground in his very early career.

Just two weeks into retirement from his job in San Jose, Reese's interest in San Francisco was piqued because of its rich parks and recreation heritage and the opportunity to play a major role in enhancing some of the most well-recognized park and public landscapes in the world. Reese sees his tenure here as the crowning glory of a long and fruitful career.

"Parks, along with schools and churches, are the vital organs of our neighborhoods and need to be cared for in a similar manner to ensure the long-term health of those neighborhoods. They are the signature spaces and the collective reflection of how we feel about ourselves and our community, mirroring our history, pride and culture. In San Francisco, we need to find new strategies to assure their environmental, economic, and political sustainability," he said.

Reese, a die-hard Cubs baseball fan, is a native of Chicago and holds a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in environmental design from Southern Illinois University. He lives in San Jose with his wife Sherry. For more information on, or interview opportunities with, Scott Reese, please call the Recreation and Park Department's Public Information Office.

Sharon Meadow Sound Test
Denny Kern, Director of Operations, gave a presentation on the information the Department found on the test the Commission authorized staff to conduct at the Now & Zen Concert. He discussed the environmental noise fundamentals, amplified sound policies, sound system design, sound monitoring, noise measurement locations, enforcement, sound levels at mix and neighborhood, other observations, concert sound levels vs. City standards for other noise sources, report findings and recommendations. Yomi Agunbiade stated that staff will come back to the Commission before any permits are issued for events in Sharon Meadow in 2006.

Acquisition Plan
Amber Evans gave an informational presentation on the Department's Acquisition Plan. The Department has been working on a policy and procedure framework for either pursuing or rejecting potential land acquisitions based on objective criteria developed to meet the General Plan. Over the last year, staff, in coordination with PROSAC's Acquisitions Working Group, has drafted an implementation strategy for prioritizing the acceptance or rejection of gifts as well as the proactive accumulation of land addressing the greatest of needs in the City. The Acquisition Policy creates a more transparent and rational procedure for acquiring land. Specifically, shared terms, priorities, minimum criteria, site suitability analysis, and

assessment of financial feasibility. She discussed the key areas of he Policy. The Department staff presented a draft to PROSAC for review and will present it at the Capital Fair on November 20, 2005 soliciting responses to the draft document at the event. Staff will return to the Commission for approval in January or February and then amend the adopted policy to the 2005 Capital Plan Annual Report.

Proposition C Park Maintenance Standards
Linda Yeung with the Controller's office gave an informational presentation on the Proposition C Park Maintenance Standards. She discussed the assessments and goals, how the goals were accomplished, what was accomplished in implementing schedules and standards for parks, and the next steps – implementation, independent evaluations, and improvements.

Yomi Agunbiade introduced Jennifer Houser, Executive Assistant to the General Manager.

Donald Bird asked that the sound requirements also be applied to Dolores Park. Emeric Kalman asked how many hours and how much money was spent on Prop C Park Maintenance Standards. Helen Johnson requested that a copy of NPC's letter be put into the record in regard to the park standards. She stated that NPC was looking for the full data of the evaluation of all the parks.

GENERAL CALENDAR

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

In June 1997 the citizens of San Francisco passed Proposition C, a $48 million General Obligation Bond, for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of San Francisco Zoo facilities and properties, and for all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes. The Zoo Facilities Improvement Bond is part of the Phase II Zoo Master Plan Program consisting of multiple funding sources and managed through a cooperative agreement between the San Francisco Zoological Society, the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works. The goals of the Phase II Master Plan Program are to improve animal habitats and exhibits, preserve historic Zoo components, enhance education and conservation opportunities, increase ease of public access, provide additional support facilities, and create a more pleasing Zoo experience in general.

In February of 2005 the Recreation and Park Commission approved the issuance of $7,505,000 in 1997 Zoo Facility Bonds for various small improvement projects. A General Obligation Bond Accountability Report was subsequently approved that specified a series of seven projects to be completed with the funds. These include renovations to the Zoo facilities housing Bears, Hippopotamus, Rhinoceros, Harbor Seals and Gray Seals, as addressed in the 2004 Ordinance Amendment to Section 5.09 of the San Francisco Park Code, as well as renovations to the Lion House, the Tropical Forest Building, and various small repairs and Replacements as recommended in the January 2000 Board of Supervisors Performance Audit of the San Francisco Zoo.

The current Hippopotamus exhibit and the Asian Rhinoceros exhibit are slated for upgrades. This will include expanding the current rhinoceros exhibit to include the adjacent African Elephant exhibit, which is no longer being used , as well as expanding the current hippo exhibit to include the adjacent former Pygmy Hippo exhibit as well as an extensive pool upgrade and expansion. Much of the work that is planned is to create a more comfortable habitat for the animals and to ease the transition between the barn and the exhibit. In addition, the project has goals of facilitating better keeper access and ease of day-to-day routines, and utilities upgrades as required.

The holding facility would be re-configured to house only two species of animals, where it is currently configured for three. This would give better possibilities for keeper interaction as well as better and more space for the animals. Upgrades to the building systems, as well as shift doors, would make for an overall more animal and keeper friendly/efficient environment.

In order to manage project costs, the design package will be developed with a base bid and additive alternates. Proposed scope of alternate work includes upgraded landscaping and the construction of a restroom and hay barn.

Denise Bolbol stated that the Commission has the jurisdiction and the responsibility of spending the Zoo Bond. She stated that most of the improvements to the zoo were human improvements and that the animals had received very little of the benefits. She urged the Commission not to pass the conceptual design at this point as the public has not had time to comment. Emeric Kalman questioned the meaning of conceptual design. He requested that if any part of the project is completed that an inventory of how much labor , etc. was done be conducted.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the conceptual design for the physical improvements to the exhibits housing Black Rhinoceros and Nile Hippopotamus at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – PUSHCART CONCESSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PACKAGE

Since January of 2005, NY Frankfurter, the Permittee that has been operating in the Joseph L. Alioto Performing Arts Piazza, was issued a Permit to test certain locations within Golden Gate Park. The purpose of this test was to get a more realistic indication of the potential revenue for some of the locations within Golden Gate Park. They operated at JFK by the Conservatory of Flowers and at Spreckels Lake. Although seldom able to operate seven days per week except for at times during July and August, they were able to generate about $145,000 of gross revenue and $24,000 rent to RPD.

Staff has developed the bid package presented today. The package provides for the permitting of pushcarts in four designated locations – Conservatory of Flowers, Polo Field, Lindley and Speedway Meadows including Spreckels Lake, and Big Recreation Baseball Field within Golden Gate Park. The pushcarts will provide primarily lunch items (i.e. hotdogs, sandwiches, pretzels, ice cream, and soft drinks & water). The term of the permit(s) will be for two years with the City having a right to extend the term for five years upon review and comparison of the gross revenue for the first year versus Permittee's projections. If a 5-year extension in the term is approved by the City, the monthly rent will be subject to increases in the CPI. One of the problems that led to the lack of bidders last time, was the length of the permit. They felt that it needed to be longer to amortize their investment in four to six new pushcarts. The permit(s) will be competitively bid to determine the rental rates, with a minimum annual guarantee of $60,000.

Explicit instructions that state that no proposal will be accepted if received after the deadline for submission have been included on the cover page of the RFP, Exhibit A – Confirmation of Receipt of RFP Form, and Exhibit B – Proposed Rent Bid Form. Language has also been added that states - Additional sites within the control of the Recreation and Park Department will possibly be added into this contract based on need and location.

Highlights of the bid package:

- Includes minimum experience requirements. Two years of ownership and operation of food related service operation i.e. pushcart, cafeteria or restaurant, or five years of non-ownership experience if it includes product procurement, preparation and direct responsibility for food operations' profitability.
- Provides for extraordinary circumstances (i.e. El Niño).
- The permit will be Revocable at will.
- Permittee must pick up and dispose of all litter within a one hundred-foot radius of where they operate.
- Include general menu guidance.
- Uses the previously established Umbrella System to identify permitted pushcarts. Permittee will be required to rent and utilize a Department umbrella that is easily identifiable from a distance.
- This RFP provides emphasis on the esthetics of the pushcarts and operations and, prior to execution of the Permit, Department will review and approve the design of the pushcarts.

- Prior to awarding the permit, Staff will review the daily menus, and in addition, may have some of the most popular items taste tested.
- Prior to commencement of the permit, Staff will require that Permittee provide the following: Commission approval, current required regulatory permits and approvals including from the Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Section to operate their pushcarts outside, the required security deposit, and the approved certificates of insurance evidencing satisfaction of the insurance requirements.
- Additional sites within the control of the Recreation and Park Department may be added into this contract based on need and location.
- Permit may be terminated if Permittee is not in full operation at all site locations within 90 days of the commencement date of this permit.

The Operations Committee heard this item on November 2, 2005. The Committee placed it on the Commission's general calendar, with recommendations that the RFP be explicit that no proposal will be accepted if received after the deadline for submission, and that the Department have the option to add additional locations to this Permit based on need and location.

Department income during the first year is estimated at over $60,000 based upon the minimum annual acceptable bid being $60,000 per year. The cost of manufacturing umbrellas is approximately $275.00, which would be recouped via the $200 rental fee and the $500 security deposit.

On motion by **Commissioner Lazarus** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a Request For Proposal package for the management and operation of the pushcart concession for designated locations within Golden Gate Park and additional sites based on need and location.

HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE

Shortly after the reopening of Harding Park Golf Course, Kemper Sports Management suggested the need for a chipping and bunker practice area to complement the practice range and the newly renovated course. A layout for the practice area was designed by Kemper staff and that design was reviewed by the Department and PGA Tour Design Services before being finalized. Construction began in the fall of 2004 and the Harding Park Golf Learning Center was recently completed. The Center is located to the west of the parking lot, behind the practice range. The north green is for sand bunker practice and the south green area is chipping.

All work on this project was performed by City employees with advice, guidance and training provided by Kemper staff during the process. In addition to developing a needed chipping and bunker practice site at Harding, the project also provided City employees with the opportunity to home specialized skills.

In preparing a recommendation for fees, Kemper presented Department staff with several comparables that are based on either quantity of balls used or time spent at the practice facility. Kemper suggests the following for the Center:

- Due to the open nature of the Center, a time-based system should be employed.
- The area should be limited to 5-7 golfers at any one time to maintain control and ensure safety.
- Kemper would regulate the usage through the Pro Shop by issuing a shag bag of balls. Each available bag would have uniquely colored or marked balls to allow the golfer to practice independently.
- Based on comparable figures, Kemper suggests a charge of $5.00 per half-hour and $8.00 per hour for the use of the Center, with an allowance of 10-15 minutes for walking from the Pro Shop to the Center and back.
- A deposit would be left at the Pro Shop and the golfer would be responsible for retrieving and returning the shag bag and balls.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-010

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the fees to be charged at the new Harding Park Golf Learning Center.

900 MINNESOTA STREET SHADOW STUDY

The Planning Department is currently reviewing plans for 900 Minnesota Street (the project) a residential and commercial mixed-use development proposed by Build, Inc. The proposed project would demolish four buildings and renovate two buildings that occupy a two-acre lot located at 900, 910-12 Minnesota Street and 833 Indiana Street. The site originally housed the C. Schilling & Co. Wine Cellars complex; most recently, the site was used as an office, design and distribution facility for Esprit de Corp clothing company. The proposed project is located within the Dogpatch Historic District.

The proposed project would include 142 residential units, a 168-space underground garage, 6,900 gross square feet (gsf) of office space, 2,100 gsf of café space, 8,540 gsf of residential support space, and 26,200 gsf of private open space. The proposed project is south of Esprit Park across 20th Street located in District 10 in the Central Waterfront Better Neighborhoods Planning area.

The proposed project will be a maximum of 50 feet tall as measured in the Planning Code. The proposed project is located within the 50-X Height and Bulk District allowing structures up to 50 feet in height. To the north of the site is the 1.8-acre Esprit Park. To the east of the site is an office complex housing construction firm, Nibbi Investments, and single-family homes. To the west of the site is the San Francisco Opera Scene Shop, Inc. And to the south of the site there is an industrial facility and multi-family homes.

A shadow analysis performed by the Planning Department indicates that the proposed project would cast net new shadow on the Esprit Park. The 900 Minnesota Street project Shadow Analysis prepared by ESA is attached to this report.

Section 295 of the Planning Code, adopted in 1985 as a response to the voter mandate of Proposition K, establishes limitations on shadows cast on parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission for proposed buildings over 40 feet in height. In 1989, the Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission adopted criteria (both quantitative and qualitative) to determine significance for shadows cast on 14 downtown parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. The Memorandum also discusses parks for which no specific criteria or "absolute cumulative limits" were established. Larger parks (over 2 acres), with existing shadow loads of 20 percent or less have had a "budget" allowing additional shadow of 1 percent without a finding of significant effect on use of the park. No guideline was provided for parks of less than two acres having less than 20 percent existing shadow, such as Esprit Park.

Shadow effects on Esprit Park:

The shadow analysis found that there is a theoretical potential of approximately 297.7 million square-foot-hours of sunlight available year round on Esprit Park. Of this potential sunlight, existing shadow consists of approximately 18.2 million shadow-foot-hours, representing 6.10 percent of the total potential sunlight. The proposed project would add approximately 914,000 net new square-foot-hours of shade, or 0.31 percent, to a total shadow coverage of approximately 19.1 million shadow-foot-hours, representing 6.41 percent of the total sunlight. There would be a 5.0 percent increase in shadow than at present. The majority of the existing shadow load on the park is attributed to the 20th street overpass.

Esprit Park consists of trees around its perimeter, benches, and a "Par-Course" exercise circuit. Esprit Park is classified as a neighborhood park and is normally open during daytime hours. Improvements to the park's irrigation and drainage system are underway. Shadow casting would add shade to the southern end of the park between mid-October and late February. Those effects would range from about 200 square feet (sf) of new shade in mid-October to the maximum of 4,875 sf in late December. This new shade on Esprit Park would primarily fall south of the area shaded by the 20th street overpass in an area, which contains benches, a gravel path, and densely planted trees. The new shadow would not cast shade on the primary user areas of the park, such as the main lawn. From about mid-November through early February the

proposed project would cast new shadow throughout the day, while during early November and late February, new shadow would be cast in the early morning (before about 9:30 am) and late afternoon (after about 3:30 p.m.).

Mitigation:
As mitigation for the 5.0 percent new square foot hours of shade, Build, Inc. has agreed to make improvements to Esprit Park consisting of a new sidewalk along 20th Street, accessible connections on 20th Street to the park, and new landscaping on the park's southern edges (see site plan).

Summary:
In summary, the proposed project would create a short duration of annual shading, about 0.31 percent of new shading on a park with ample sunlight access, representing a 5.0 percent increase from existing shade conditions. The new shading would have limited impacts to park use because of its location within Esprit Park at its southern end, which consists of park benches, a gravel path, and trees.

Recreation and Park staff and the General Manager have reviewed the 900 Minnesota Street project Shadow Analysis and Draft Initial Study (Case No. 2004.0027E).

Steve Vittel on behalf of the building project sponsor stated he was available to answer questions.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Planning Commission that the shading or shadowing from the proposed 900 Minnesota Street project located at Minnesota and 20th Street will not have a significant and/or adverse effect on Esprit Park- as required by Planning Code Section 295 (The Sunlight Ordinance).

GOLDEN GATE PARK – KORET CHILDREN'S QUARTERS
On September 16, 2004, the Commission rejected all bids received on June 23, 2004, due to the bids exceeding the engineers' estimate. After value engineering, the Department of Public Works re-bid the construction documents. Two bids were received on August 21, 2005. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Angotti and Reilly, Inc. for the base bid amount of $2,347,000. The HRC bid pretest period ended on September 7, 2005. Staff is recommending the ward of contract to Angotti and Reilly, Inc.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Angotti and Reilly, Inc. for the base bid amount of $2,347,000 and alternate bid item number in the amount of $122,000 for the Koret Children's Quarters renovation, contingent upon the receipt of State grant funding.

SURPLUS PROPERTY
Under Chapter 23A of the City Administrative Code, City Departments, exclusive of Recreation and Park and all enterprise agencies, annually submit a list of surplus properties that are not required to fulfill the mission of the City Department, commission or agency or that is not required to fulfill the mission of the Department prior to the list's finalization in April of the following year. With the finalization of the list, properties may be developed under the auspices of the Mayor's Office of Housing for transitional housing and/or services or sold for development with revenue then used to support supportive development on other property. In either case, development of the open space is expected where feasible. Some properties on the draft list may not be feasible for development and thus will be removed from the final list prepared in April.

In 2004, Supervisor Dufty proposed legislation for the jurisdictional transfer of three lots at the northeast corner of Portola Drive from the department of Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department.

One, Block 2870, Lot 048 was legislatively transferred to the Department in September 2004. According to the Department of Real Estate, the legislation for Block 2848, Lot 001 and block 2850, Lot 023 never

went to the full Board. Recently, there has been discussion to reintroduce these parcels for transfer. As part of the legislation for the transfer, a portion of High Street, currently used as part of the community garden on Block 2848, Lot 001, would need to be transferred and vacated to be in conformity with the Open Space Element of the General Plan.

In September 2005, a RPD planner evaluated 840 Clipper & 26th Street Block 2850, Lot 023 for its potential value to the Department. The site is currently used as a community garden and operated under our existing community garden program. It is in the existing service are of other open space but allows for the expansion of a limited open space under RPD control to a larger contiguous site that provides both community gardening and open access for passive recreational use.

Friends of Portola Park are actively involved in the maintenance of the site. The site includes one apiculture portal, one bench, one sign, and a small greenhouse. The area is 0.36 acres bounded by Clipper Street, Clipper Terrace and High Street. No irrigation is apparent.

The site is above street grade and slopes to the south. The north portion consists of a paper street (High Street). There are two large trees on the east end of the lot, with possible branch intrusion onto a utility pole. The large trees appeared to be in need of pruning. In addition, small trees dot the landscape; vegetation includes flowers, shrubs and native plants. Within the site narrow dirt paths zigzag through the gardens, which makes mobility difficult. The site lacks ADA access, and there is a gap between the Clipper Terrace sidewalk to Clipper Street sidewalk. There is also a makeshift retaining wall – an 8" x 10' board holding back embankment – and evidence of erosion around edges of the site.

On November 1, 2005 RPD planners, working in concert with the PROSAC Acquisition Working Group, publicly released a Draft Acquisition Policy developed over the last year. This policy while not reviewed by the Commission allows for the possible prioritization and identification of surplus properties consistent with the Department's mission. The Draft policy explicitly prioritizes land outside the existing service area of preserved open space and recreational services while allowing for exceptions for parcels adjacent to existing park lands that maximize our resources and support core recreational programming.

Comparing these parcels to the criteria outlined in the draft policy allows the Department to determine a site's ability to service the Department's Mission. For while they may offer additional access to open space, none are within priority High Need Areas. In fact they are all adjacent to existing open space.

- LeGrande is too small to meet minimum site suitability criteria.
- Rutledge and Brewster is adjacent and perhaps contiguous with Bernal Hill. As the site has been designated for slope protection its utility for additional recreation is unlikely and thus inappropriate to be considered outside a high need area, unless a specific use could justify its acquisition and operational dollars.
- Old Burnett Avenue – is separated by a street from the Fries Department lands prioritized by the Department in the 2004 acquisition list, making it within the service area of open space, while not offering any contiguous development opportunities – a low priority.
- Bosworth & Burnside – is separated from Glen Park by adjacent Open Space managed by PUC with a sewer right of way on the parcel and notation that sale is not in conformity with the General Plan. While reservation of this site as open space may be a priority – it is unclear given the right of way and restriction on sale, that RPD entering into a complicated land transaction is called for.

The remaining parcels identified by PROSAC for acquisition are considered too low a priority to justify the department's investment without consideration of competing priorities for limited operation and maintenance dollars.

Given the property at 840 Clipper is currently managed by RPD and adds no additional operational cost to the Department, while offering contiguous secure park development, transfer is recommended. The other

sites do not appear to warrant immediate action given they would not expand into un-served areas and would come at additional operation costs for which dollars are not at this time identified.

The transfer of jurisdiction would occur at no cost. No additional cost to the Department is anticipated, as the property is managed under the existing community garden program which has a $150,000 annually set-aside for garden maintenance from the Open Space Fund. Volunteer labor under the community garden program will continue to provide significant landscape improvements to the site at no cost to the Department.

William Wilson urged the Commission delay the decision on the Bosworth & Burnside property. David Robinson spoke on the Bernal Hill property and complimented staff on the work they have done on it. Andrea O'Leary spoke on the Glen Park Greenway and asked that the Commission look at it.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the surplus property 840 Clipper at 26th Street, Block No 2850, Lot 023, rejects the acquisition of parcel sites:La Grande & Mansfield 5963A-001 and Old Burnet Avenue 2719B-046, delays action on parcel site Rutledge & Brewster 5548-005 and takes no action on Bosworth & Burnside 6736-033.

EDGEHILL OPEN SPACE

In July 2004 the Recreation and Park Commission approved a property exchange agreement for property adjacent to the Recreation and Park Department's Edgehill Mountain Park. Under that agreement, the City sold property at Gough and Grove for $3.5 million to Spiers Construction. In return, the City acquired an option to purchase property owned by Spiers at the corner of Portola Drive and Burnett Avenue and abutting Edgehill Mountain Park. (See attached July 2004 staff report.)

The purchase option agreed to by the City and Spiers included:

- a term of three years to exercise the option;
- a purchase price of $3.2 million;
- the payment of $1 million by the City in option consideration; and
- a decrease over time in the amount of option consideration to be credited against the purchase price.

If the City exercises the option in the first year, then the entire option consideration is credited against the purchase price. If the Department exercises the option in the second year, then only $800,000 of the option consideration is credited against the purchase price and if the Department exercises the option in the third year, then only $600,000 of the option consideration is credited against the purchase price. In essence, for each year that the Department fails to exercise the option, the cost of the property increases by $200,000.

The 2005-2006 budget includes $1.2 million in Open Space funds for acquisition of the Edgehill property. The Department did not have adequate funds to appropriate the full $2.2 million necessary to exercise the purchase option in the first year of the agreement. The Department intends to include the funding necessary to complete the deal in the 2006-2007 budget, the second year of the option term.

Proposed Revisions to the Existing Edgehill Agreement

The City has been afforded the opportunity to revisit the original agreement with Spiers Construction for the Edgehill property. Under the terms of the proposed revisions:

- the City will exercise the purchase option now, and pay the appropriated $1.2 million to Spiers;

- Spiers will convey to the City at this time three (3) of the six (6) lots that comprise the Edgehill property;

- the City will pay the remainder of the Edgehill purchase price, or approximately $1 million, to Spiers on or before January 15, 2007, subject to appropriation;

- the entirety of the option consideration shall be credited against the Edgehill purchase price; and

- if the City fails to pay the remainder of the Edgehill purchase price, Spiers' only remedy will be to keep the option consideration previously paid by the City.

These changes benefit the Department in two ways. First, the Department saves $200,000 on the cost of the Edgehill Property. Second, the Department takes title now to half of the Edgehill lots in exchange for the $2.2 million paid to Spiers.

CEQA and General Plan Compliance

The Director of Planning has previously found that the proposed property exchange is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA and is consistent with the City's General Plan and with the Eight Priority Policies of City Planning Code Section 101.1, and a copy of these findings is held by the General Manager.

On motion by **Commissioner Murray** and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0511-004

WHEREAS, Spiers Construction Company, a California general partnership, and Forest View, LLC, a California limited liability company, (collectively, "**Spiers**") and the City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation (the "**City**"), acting by and through this Commission, entered into that certain Amended and Restated Agreement for the Sale and Exchange of Real Estate, dated as of August 5, 2004 (the "**Property Exchange Agreement**"); and

WHEREAS, The Property Exchange Agreement was approved by this Commission by Resolution No. 0407-007 on July 15, 2004, and approved by the City's Board of Supervisors on August 17, 2004 by Resolution No. 509-04; and

WHEREAS, Under the Property Exchange Agreement, the City sold certain property located on the corner of Gough and Grove Streets (the "**Gough Property**") for $3.5 million in cash at closing, which occurred shortly after the Property Exchange Agreement was approved. In return, the City acquired an option (the "**Purchase Option**") to purchase certain property owned by Spiers on Edgehill Way (the "**Edgehill Property**"); and

WHEREAS, The City's Purchase Option under the Exchange Agreement included the following terms: (i) a term of 3 years in which to exercise the Purchase Option, if at all; (ii) a purchase price of $2.95 million plus the Portola Entitlement Costs, as defined in the Amended and Restated Agreement (or approximately $3.2 million; the "**Edgehill Purchase Price**"); (iii) the City's payment of $1 million in option consideration; (iv) a prohibition on Spiers' development of the Edgehill Property at any time during the option term; and (v) a decrease over time in the amount of option consideration that is credited against the Edgehill Purchase Price. With regard to the last item above, if the City exercises the Purchase Option during the first 12 months of the option term, then all of the option consideration is credited against Edgehill Purchase Price, but only $800,000 is credited if the City exercises during months 13-24 and only $600,000 if the City exercises during months 25-36. This decrease is based, in part, on the proverbial "time value of money" and on the cost of debt on the Edgehill Property that Spiers' incurred to pay the purchase price on the Gough Property; and

WHEREAS, In the current budget, the City appropriated $1.2 million for use to acquire the Edgehill Property. However, this is not sufficient to pay the remainder of the Edgehill Purchase Price. As a result, the parties have agreed as follows (the "**Agreement Regarding Exercise**"):

(1) the City will exercise the Purchase Option now, and pay the $1.2 million to Spiers;

(2) Spiers will convey to the City at this time three (3) of the six (6) lots that comprise the Edgehill Property;

(3) the City will pay the remainder of the Edgehill Purchase Price, or approximately $1 million, to Spiers on or before January 15, 2007, subject to appropriation;

(4) the entirety of the Option Consideration shall be credited against the Edgehill Purchase Price (with no decrease over time, as set forth above); and

(5) if the City fails to pay the remainder of the Edgehill Purchase Price, Spiers' only remedy will be to keep the option consideration previously paid by the City. In short, the agreement will include liquidated damages equal to the previously paid option consideration, and Spiers will have no equitable or other remedy in the event that the City fails to close on the remainder of the Edgehill Property; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to enter into the Agreement Regarding Exercise, and the City's Director of Property concurs in this determination; and

WHEREAS, Because this Commission and the Board have appropriated the additional $1.2 million for the Edgehill Purchase Price, and have previously granted to the General Manager the authority to exercise the Purchase Option without additional Board action, the City Attorneys' Office has determined that this Commission can authorize and the General Manager can enter into the Agreement Regarding Exercise without further action or approval by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Planning found that the proposed property exchange is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA and is consistent with the City's General Plan and with the Eight Priority Policies of City Planning Code Section 101.1, and a copy of these findings is held by the General Manager; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby finds that the acquisition of the first three lots of the Edgehill Property and the execution and performance of the Agreement Regarding Exercise as set forth above is consistent with the City's General Plan and with the Eight Priority Policies of City Planning Code Section 101.1, and is categorically exempt under CEQA for the same reasons as stated in our previous resolution approving the Exchange Agreement; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby authorizes the exercise of the Purchase Option under the Property Exchange Agreement consistent with the Agreement Regarding Exercise, and authorizes the General Manager and the Director of Property to execute and deliver the Agreement Regarding Exercise and to take and perform all actions consistent with the foregoing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission intends to appropriate the remaining $1 million of the Purchase Price to acquire the last three Edgehill Property lots in the 2006/06 fiscal year, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission authorizes the General Manager and the Director of Property to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the above resolutions, including the acquisition of the first three lots of the Edgehill Property; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any and all acts previously performed by employees of the City and County of San Francisco in furtherance of the above resolutions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea O'Leary thanked Rhoda Parhams and her staff for coming out to Sunnyside Playground and show the Capital Program. Donald Bird spoke about the community efforts in Dolores Park. He also spoke of the gardeners in Dolores Park. Georgia Shuttish stated that she didn't understand what happened on item #5. Emeric Kalman spoke on the PUC recycle program.

COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Bonilla reported that the staff was moving forward on the Commission website and the annual report.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Commission Liaison

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